

Y11 Parents' Evening - Biology GCSE Information Sheet

AQA GCSE Biology: Specification <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461>

Examination Information:

- GCSE Biology is assessed at foundation tier (grades 5 to 1) and higher tier (grades 9 to 4).
- Students are awarded one grade as the course content covers the requirements for a single GCSE.
- Students will sit paper 1 in biology, which covers the content from Y9 and Y10 and paper 2 in biology, which covers the remainder of Y10 and Y11. There are two papers in total each of one hour forty-five minutes duration.
- The Department for Education has required that exam boards retain full specification content for all science exams so there are no adjustments to consider in content or length of assessments. Information on the content of exams will be released on 7th February 2022.

How you can support your child:

A quiet space to work and a regular routine for completing homework are highly recommended. Students can attend catch up sessions on Wednesday lunchtimes in Sc4 and can complete homework in Sc5 or Sc6 at lunchtime. We hope you will encourage your child to access this support in school. Students are also being given full practice papers to help prepare for the mock exams and we would appreciate support in ensuring your child completes these by the required deadline.

Key Websites:

www.thenational.academy – Oak Academy, a national academy of online lessons.

<https://www.gcscsciencerevision.com> - a useful site for combined science revision.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zrkw2hv> - remember that we follow the AQA trilogy course.

Myvle:

All lessons and resources are available to students on Myvle – 2021-22 biology Y11. It is important that if students are away from school that they catch up on the lessons that they have missed.

The science department has a full programme of online lessons available that follow the sequence of learning just as if students were in school. Full instructions are given on each Myvle page as well as assessment information and revision resources.

If you have any queries at any time please do not hesitate to contact Mr Edge (Director of Science) via the school.