

# 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 1 to 5) and higher tier (grades 4 to 9).
- 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.

## **How you can support your child:**

A quiet space to work and a regular routine for completing homework are highly recommended. 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:**

<https://continuityoak.org.uk/Lessons> – Oak Academy, a national academy of online lessons.

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

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

[Biology Lessons | GCSE Biology AQA Higher Triple | Cognito \(cognitoedu.org\)](#)- great videos and questions to both revise and quiz yourself.

[\(3\) Malmesbury Education - YouTube](#)- Comprehensive videos of all the required practical including common exam questions

## **Moodle:**

All lessons and resources are available to students on Moodle – 2024-2025 Biology Y11. It is important that if students are away from school, they catch up on the lessons 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 Moodle page, as well as assessment information and revision resources. An electronic version of the course textbook can be found on the Kerboodle website. This is accessed via Moodle and all students have been given login details.

If you have any queries at any time, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Edge (Director of Learning) via the school [info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@ladymanners.derbyshire.sch.uk)