

# SUBJECT:

## COMBINED SCIENCE

Head of Department: Mr McMahon

## GCSE

Exam Board: AQA

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

---

**GCSE Combined Science** emphasises scientific literacy - the knowledge and understanding of Biology, Chemistry and Physics which candidates need to engage, as informed citizens, with science based issues. This course uses contemporary, relevant contexts of interest to candidates, which can be approached through a range of teaching and learning activities.

---

### Assessment

There are 6 exam papers which will result in 2 GCSE's (GCSE Combined Science):

- 2 Biology exams
- 2 Chemistry exams
- 2 Physics exams.

This qualification is linear. Linear means that students will sit their exams at the end of the course.

Grading will follow the new 9-1 system and as the course is worth 2 GCSE's each student will receive a double grade (e.g. 6-5).

### Subject Teachers

Mr McMahon (Head of Science)  
Mr Dolan (2nd in Department)  
Ms Towli (Lead Practitioner in Science)  
Mr Kennedy  
Mrs Murray  
Mr Bowden  
Mr McAuliffe

---

### Higher Education Courses/Careers

Sixth Form: GCE A Level Biology GCE A Level Chemistry GCE A Level Physics

There are hundreds of science based degrees that can be studied at University including Medicine, Engineering and Computing.

The Science Sector is one of the largest and most important in the UK. There are more than 900,000 workers in the UK Science Industry, according to the 2011 Cogent Annual Report.

---

