# SCIENCE: Triple Award (Biology GCSE, Chemistry GCSE, Physics GCSE)

This course is aimed towards high achieving students (Secure and Excellence at Year 9) who would benefit from a greater challenge in science at KS4. Although this award supports the study of sciences at A-level, it is not a condition of entry.

#### Course Aims:

Studying the separate sciences means students will cover more content than GCSE Combined Sciences GCSE Biology, GCSE Chemistry and GCSE Physics will provide great preparation for AS and A-level.

## **Examination Board:**

AQA

# **Summary of Course Structure:**

The three GCSEs follow the same course structure as Combined Science but with additional material throughout. Students are taught by three teachers who are specialists in the subject areas.

#### **Assessment:**

Each of the three GCSEs are 100% examined with no Controlled Assessment. Students will take a total of 6 exams which will give 3 GCSEs graded 1 to 9.

# **Course Content:**

Two papers: each paper will assess different topics.

**Duration**: both papers are 1 hour 45 minutes.

Tiers: Foundation and Higher.

<u>Weighting</u>: the papers are equally weighted. Each is worth 50% of the grade and has 100 marks available.

Question types: multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.

Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Paper 1 1. Cell biology 2. Organisation 3. Infection and response 4. Bioenergetics	Paper 1  1. Atomic structure and the periodic table  2. Bonding, structure and the properties of matter  3. Quantitative chemistry  4. Chemical changes  5. Energy changes	Paper 1 1. Energy 2. Electricity 3. Particle model of matter 4. Atomic structure
Paper 2 5. Homeostasis and response 6. Inheritance, variation and evolution 7. Ecology	<ul> <li>Paper 2</li> <li>6. The rate and extent of chemical change</li> <li>7. Organic chemistry</li> <li>8. Chemical analysis</li> <li>9. Chemistry of the atmosphere</li> <li>10. Using resources</li> </ul>	Paper 2 5. Magnetism and electromagnetism 6. Space physics 7. Forces 8. Waves

### Further details available on:

www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/new-science-gcse-specifications

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