

Course Title: A Level PHYSICS  
 Awarding Body: AQA  
 Further information available from: MR TRICKETT

**Course requirements:** Grade 6 or higher in GCSE Combined Science or a minimum grade 6 in each of the GCSE Single Sciences, plus GCSE Maths grade 6 or higher.

Following the AQA Physics syllabus, topics 1-5 will be taught in Year 12 and topics 6-8 will be covered in Year 13 plus an optional topic as outlined below:

1. Measurements and their errors
  2. Particles and radiation
  3. Waves
  4. Mechanics and materials
  5. Electricity
  6. Further mechanics and thermal physics
  7. Fields and their consequences
  8. Nuclear physics
- Option: Engineering physics

The course is assessed by three written papers covering both course content and practical techniques. There are 12 assessed required practicals and pupils are given a pass/fail status.

### Assessments

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
<b>What's assessed</b> Sections 1 – 5 and 6.1 (Periodic motion)	<b>What's assessed</b> Sections 6.2 (Thermal Physics), 7 and 8 Assumed knowledge from 1 to 6.1	<b>What's assessed</b> Section A: Compulsory section: Practical skills and data analysis Section B: Engineering Physics
<b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written exam: 2 hours</li> <li>• 85 marks</li> <li>• 34% of A-level</li> </ul>	<b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written exam: 2 hours</li> <li>• 85 marks</li> <li>• 34% of A-level</li> </ul>	<b>Assessed</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• written exam: 2 hours</li> <li>• 80 marks</li> <li>• 32% of A-level</li> </ul>
<b>Questions</b> 60 marks of short and long answer questions and 25 multiple choice questions on content.	<b>Questions</b> 60 marks of short and long answer questions and 25 multiple choice questions on content.	<b>Questions</b> 45 marks of short and long answer questions on practical experiments and data analysis. 35 marks of short and long answer questions on optional topic.

Physics is a challenging, but rewarding course that opens up a multitude of different

career pathways. Anyone thinking of doing Physics should also think about studying A Level Maths alongside as the two reinforce each other so well. The study of A Level Chemistry also complements a lot of the work we do.