

Course Titles: GCSE Combined Science (double award) or Single GCSE in Biology, Chemistry and Physics (triple award)

Awarding Body: AQA

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All students will follow one of the science courses below:

- GCSE Combined Science (double award / 2 GCSEs)
- Single GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics (triple award / 3 GCSEs)

In 2018 grades A\* to G were replaced by 9-1. Combined Science will have a 17 point grading scale from 9-9, 9-8 through to 2-1, 1-1

The GCSE Combined Science course follows the AQA trilogy specification (which can be found on the AQA website).

Students study all three sciences and sit six exams at the end of year 11.

Students are grouped in sets according to ability, knowledge and learning needs. The topics studied in each set are a mixture of consolidating previous learning and introducing new skills, so that students maximise their progress and confidence in the subject.

There are two tiers of entry:

- Higher Tier – leading to GCSE grades 9-9 to 4-4
- Foundation Tier – leading to GCSE grades 5-5 to 1-1

Their final grade is an average of all the papers they sit in year 11.

Some students may express an interest in studying the single sciences as an option.

Studying

single sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics) will result in students obtaining 3 separate GCSEs.

Students that express an interest in this course will need to have demonstrated a consistently high performance throughout year 9.

Any students considering potential careers in medicine, dentistry, veterinary, engineering,

technology or other associated courses would be strongly advised to consider single science as an option. It is also ideal preparation for any student considering any of the sciences at KS5.

As with combined science there are also two tiers of entry for single science (foundation and higher).