

Details at a Glance

Qualification

GCSE

Level

1 & 2

Exam Board

WJEC

Tiered

Yes

Limited Group size

Yes

Staff

All science staff

Course Structure

This course leads to the award of **two GCSE grades**. Unit 1 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics will be studied in year 10 and pupils will be entered for three external examinations in the Summer of that year.

Unit 2 in Biology, Chemistry and Physics will be studied in year 11 and pupils will be entered for this qualification at the end of year 11.

Each of the unit examinations are 1 hour and 15 minutes long.

An externally marked practical task will be performed in the Spring term (January-February) of

year 11 which will equate to 10% of the overall GCSE.

The course operates a two-tiered system; either foundation tiered (C-G) or higher tiered (A*-D). Good mathematical and language ability is desirable for entry to the higher tier paper.

Pupils on this course will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics for three lessons each per fortnight with specialist teachers. The course provides a sound scientific background, which will enable pupils to proceed to 'A' level

science courses or take up employment where science qualifications are needed.



Examination/Assessment

Year 10

3 Externally assessed examinations

In Biology, Chemistry and Physics

45%

Year 11

3 Externally assessed examinations

In Biology, Chemistry and Physics

45%

Year 11 - Spring Term

Practical Assessment

10%