

AQA GCSE SCIENCE

Separate Sciences: equivalent to 3 GCSEs
(sets 10A & 10E)

Combined Science (Trilogy): Double award
equivalent to two GCSEs
(sets 10B, C, F & G)

AQA GCSE Combined Science: Trilogy

Specification is online at
aqa.org.uk/gcse-trilogy

Equal emphasis is given to biology, chemistry and physics and it will be taught as separate subjects.

How is it assessed?

- ▶ Six papers: two biology, two chemistry and two physics.
- ▶ All the papers are 1 hour 15 minutes.
- ▶ Tiers: Foundation and Higher.
- ▶ Question types: multiple choice, structured, closed, short answer and open response.

Tier of Entry

The Higher Tier paper covers grades 4-4 to 9-9

The Foundation Tier paper covers grades 1-1 to 5-5. The questions at Foundation level are more structured and include a higher proportion of multiple-choice and short answer questions.

The decision on which tier paper the student will sit will be confirmed in Year 11 and will be made by agreement across all the subject teachers.

Pupils who follow this course will still be able to access science at A' level if they achieve high grades (7-6 or higher)

AQA GCSE Separate Sciences

GCSE Biology

Specification is online at aqa.org.uk/gcse-biology

GCSE Chemistry

Specification is online at aqa.org.uk/gcse-chemistry

GCSE Physics

Specification is online at aqa.org.uk/gcse-physics

**This provides an ideal preparation for pupils
who may wish to go on and study science at
A' level**

How are they assessed?

- ▶ Six papers: two biology, two chemistry and two physics.
- ▶ Duration: all papers are 1 hour 45 minutes.
- ▶ Students are entered for Higher Tier. The Higher Tier paper covers grades 4 to 9
- ▶ Question types: multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.

Expectations of students

Fully equipped pencil case, must include a calculator.

Regularly read the relevant sections of the course text book on Kerboodle following lessons to consolidate learning.

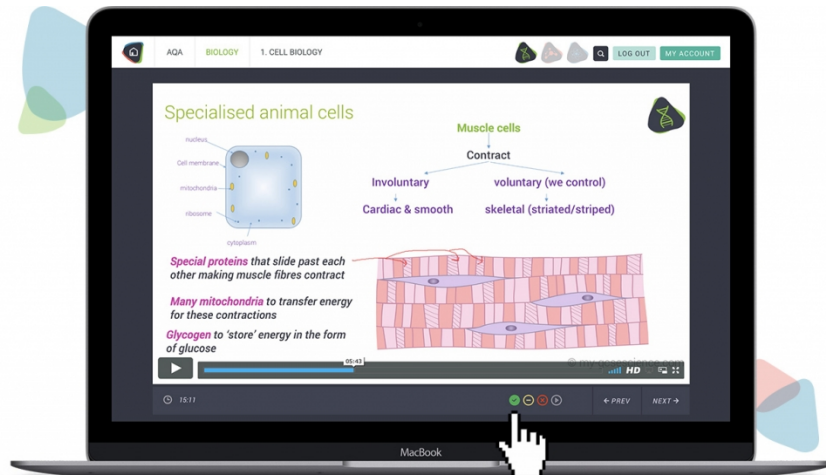
Meet deadlines and seek assistance if necessary prior to deadlines.

Complete set tasks to best of ability.

Make use of the available revision resources to prepare thoroughly for assessments.

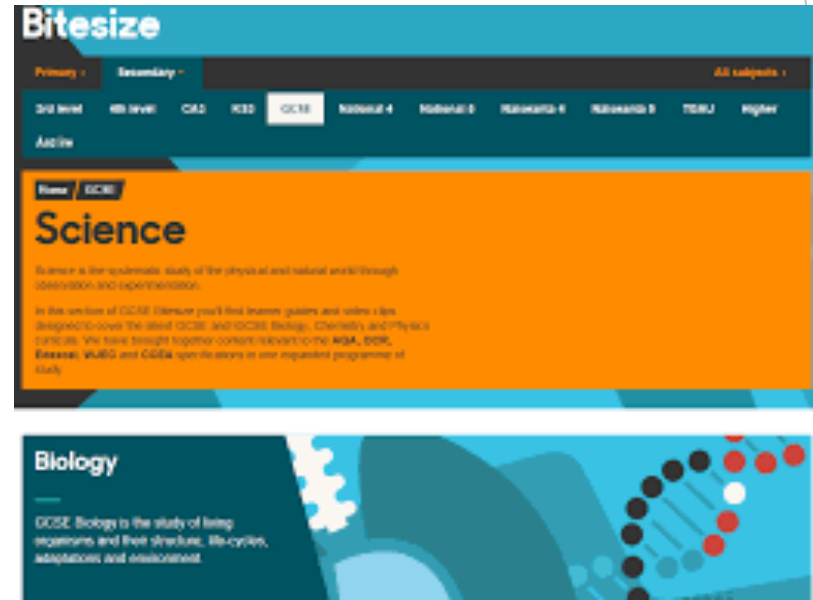
What resources are available?

- ▶ AQA GCSE Science Kerboodle
 - including digital versions of the Student Book, access to lesson materials and access to interactive activities and animations
- ▶ Mygcscience.com



- BBC Bitesize GCSE Science

- Seneca



- There are also numerous published revision guides, apps and study resources for the AQA courses.

How could you support your son?

- ▶ Have a look at their exercise book regularly. Look at their written responses to questions and ask them if they explain their answers to you.
- ▶ Encourage them to go back and review earlier topics, make revision summaries of the topics as they go along, not just before exams
- ▶ Encourage them to use the wide range of revision materials available.
- ▶ Remind them of the expectations we have of them.