

GCSE Science

Yr11 2017-2018



Science Courses

Separate Sciences - Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Only available to students currently in set 1

Combined Science - Trilogy

Available to students in set 1 - 3

All Science GCSEs at
John Colet school are
with AQA exam board.

Grading

Students taking separate sciences will get 3 GCSEs grades, grade 9-1.

Students taking combined science will get a double grade, i.e. 9,9 8,9 8,8 7,8 etc.

The exam structure - Combined Science

The course is entirely exam based and all exams are at the end of Yr11.

Biology paper 1 - 1hr15min

Biology paper 2 - 1hr15min

Chemistry paper 1 - 1hr15min

Chemistry paper 2 - 1hr15min

Physics paper 1 - 1hr15min

Physics paper 2 - 1hr15min

The exam structure - Separate Sciences

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Biology paper 1 - 1hr45min

Biology paper 2 - 1hr45min

Chemistry paper 1 - 1hr45min

Chemistry paper 2 - 1hr45min

Physics paper 1 - 1hr45min

Physics paper 2 - 1hr45min

Grades and grade boundaries

No one in the country knows what the grade boundaries for the new GCSE Sciences are going to be!

The most important thing for your child is to get as much exam paper practice as possible and aim for the highest percentage they can on the exams.

The importance of the mocks

The mocks will be used to decide if separate or combined science is the best option for students in set 1.

They will also be used to decide the best tier of entry for your child on combined science. (Higher paper grades 9-4, foundation paper grades 5-1)

Revision resources

1. Excellent focus in lessons and on homework.
2. myGCSEscience.com videos and past paper questions.
3. Kerboodle.com - electronic copy of the textbook.
4. Purchased revision guides.
5. AQA.co.uk - legacy past papers can be useful (although not a perfect fit).