Science

Specification Choices for Moving Into Key Stage 4 – Years 10 & 11 Science

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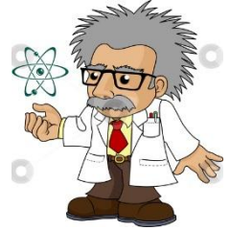

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OR

Trilogy Separate Science route

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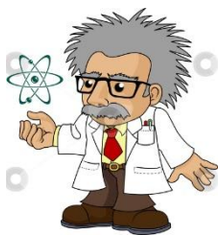
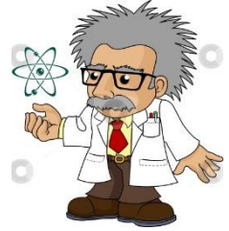


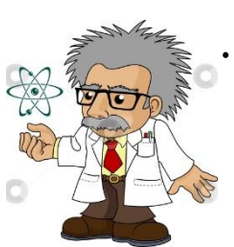
Course Overview



- At the end of year 9 students are guided along the Combined Science: Trilogy route (2 GCSEs),

  OR Biology, Chemistry, Physics GCSE (3 GCSEs) route depending on their performance so far in Science and their end of year 9 exam.

- All Science routes are matched carefully to the ability of each individual student.



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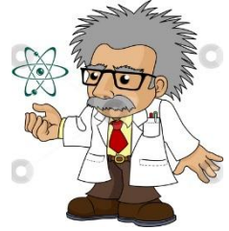

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- Learn Biology ,Physics and Chemistry
- 21 required practicals
- Six exams, all 1hr15min
- Students are still eligible to Study science at A levels.

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- 15 lessons per fortnight
- Three subject specialist science teachers (Biology, Chemistry and physics)
- A greater number of sub-topics within units to be covered.
- 28 required practicals.
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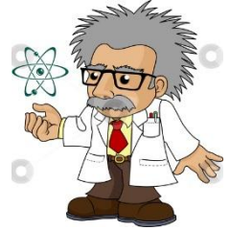
Entry Requirements for Separate Science



- Grade 4 or above at the end of year 9 exam *plus teacher recommendations*
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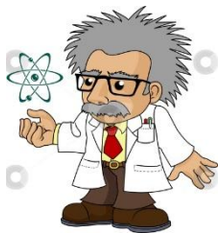

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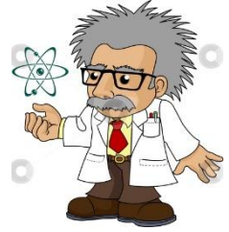

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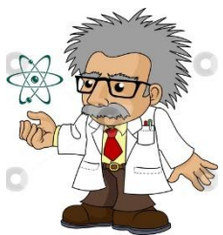

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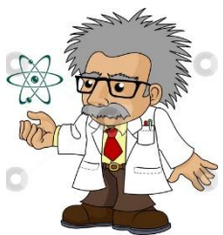

Questions

- If you have any further questions please speak to your teacher or member of the science team.

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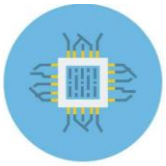
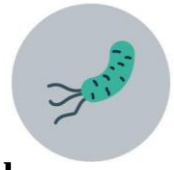
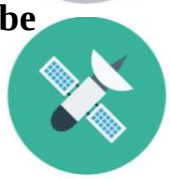


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Topic lists

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Note: For Separate Sciences a greater number of sub-topics within each unit are covered.