BIOLOGY - Year 11

Course Title: Biology	Exam Board:AQA	Specification Code:8461
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How will students be assessed?

Students will sit two external exams at the end of Year 11. Each paper is worth 50% of their final GCSE grade. Both exams will be 1 hour and 45 minutes in length requiring students to answer multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response questions. Questions will be knowledge based as well as drawing on the practical work that students have completed throughout the course.

Biology GCSE Paper 1: This will assess the topic areas of cell biology, organisation, infection and response and bioenergetics

Biology GCSE Paper 2: This will assess the topic areas of homeostasis and response, inheritance, variation and evolution and ecology

KEY CONTENT

Half Term 1

Genetics and inheritance

Sexual and asexual reproduction

Meiosis and Mitosis

DNA and the genome, DNA structure and protein synthesis

Genetic inheritance, inherited disorders

Sex determination

Assessment Reproduction

Half Term 2

Evolution

Variation

Evolution

Selective breeding

Genetic engineering

Cloning

Resistant bacteria

Exam questions on variation and evolution and classification and understanding MOCK Exam

KEY CONTENT

Half Term 3

Ecology

Adaptation, interdependence and competition

Organisation of ecosystems

Assessment organisms and adaptation

Assessment organisation of an ecosystem

Half Term 4

Biodiversity and the effect of human interaction on ecosystems

Trophic levels in an ecosystem

Food production

Assessment biodiversity and food

Half Term 5

Catch up time

Preparation for exams including practice of math, graph and practical skills

Half Term 6