



GCSE Core Science & GCSE Physics

One year course.

Students are expected to take both the Science GCSEs and will combine this course with up to four other GCSEs.

This course will develop your skills in practical work and improve your examination techniques. You may require this subject for a variety of careers including teaching and nursing.

Requirements:

The College minimum to start a GCSE course is four GCSEs at grade D or above. Students wishing to undertake this course require grade D in GCSE Science, Mathematics and English Language.

This subject will focus on:

- the practical skills of planning, implementing, analysis and evaluation; and
- developing basic understanding of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

You can expect to:

- develop skills in practical work; and
- develop a better understanding of Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

Method of assessment:

Assessment is by six external examinations and two practical Centre Assessed units. The course prepares students to Foundation level (C grade) only.

Progression:

You may be able to progress on to AS level courses or BTEC National Certificate/Diploma programmes. The course should enable you to progress onto the A level Applied Science (Double Award) at the College.

Other information:

A Science learning facilitator is always available to help and support students on this course with any problems with practical or written work.

In 2008 the GCSE Core Science and Physics course achieved a 75% pass rate.