

Qualification: GCSE Combined Science

Exam Board: Edexcel

Level of Achievement: GCSE Grades 9 - 1

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What will I learn?

GCSE study in the sciences provides the foundation for understanding the material world. Scientific understanding is changing our lives and is vital to the world's future prosperity.

All students will learn essential aspects of the knowledge, methods, processes and uses of Science. They will gain appreciation of how the complex and diverse phenomena of the natural world can be described in terms of a small number of key ideas that relate to the Sciences and that are both inter-linked and of universal application.

This will enable students to gain two GCSE grades and continue studying sciences to A-level, subject to satisfactory performance at GCSE.

How will I be assessed?

The Pearson Edexcel GCSE (9–1) in Combined Science consists of six externally examined papers. These are available at foundation tier and higher tier.

- Students must complete all assessments in the same tier.
- Students must complete all assessment in May/June in their final year.

The GCSE in Combined Science requires students to develop the skills, knowledge and understanding of working scientifically. Working scientifically will be assessed through examination and the completion of the 17 core practical's.

This GCSE qualification will be graded and certificated on a 17-grade scale from 9-9 to 1-1 using the total subject mark where 9-9 is the highest grade. Individual papers are not graded.

Future opportunities

Level 3 course in Science.

Medicine, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Optometry, Engineering, Forensic Science, Biomedical Science.

