

GCSE Combined Science

Why study Combined Science?

Science is an integral part of modern culture. This course will enable you to study the fundamental ideas of all three sciences whilst also giving you an opportunity to develop your confidence in discussing science-based issues that may affect your own lives, society and the future of the world.



It will stretch your imagination and creativity and give you an opportunity to develop some transferable skills. This course covers Science to the same high level as Separate Sciences but with less content to cover you will have more time to build up your scientific knowledge and understanding. This allows the course to be completed in your 'normal' science lessons without using an option choice.

What will you be learning?

The Combined Science choice provides a broad science education across all three sciences – building on the material covered at Key Stage 3.

It is a course worth two GCSEs and you will receive a grade from 9-9 to 1-1.

There will be 6 exams at the end of Year 11, each for 1 hour and 15 minutes and will be tiered for higher and foundation. There will be two exams for each science and will be a mixture of short and longer answer questions.

What are lessons like?

Like at Key Stage 3 Science will be taught by three specialist teachers and many lessons will still involve practical work. The content continues to teach you about how science works and how to apply science to real life situations. As well as practical tasks there will be some written work, group work and also discussions on how science effects society.

“Feel more related to real life than Year 7 & 8”

“Fun and very varied - lots of practical lessons”

“Hard work but you know you're always aiming for an exam”

What can it lead to?

This course will provide an opportunity to gain a sound science education as well as covering many vital skills such as team working, questioning, research, problem solving as well as investigative skills; all of which are transferable to any further education or employment. It is not the ideal route to A-Level sciences but that is still an option for you following this course.

Want to know more?

To find out more about Combined Science speak to any of the science teachers.