

**Whitworth Community High School
Science Department**

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Year 10 Combined Science Learning Overview

Organisation of the classes:

Pupils are placed in sets according to their ability and this is monitored and controlled through formal assessments throughout the year. The pupil will have a different teacher for each science specialism

Key Concepts

1. Develop scientific knowledge and conceptual understanding through the specific disciplines of biology, chemistry and physics
2. Develop understanding of the nature, processes and methods of science through different types of science enquiries to answer questions about the world around them
3. Understand the uses and implications of science

What skills do I use in this subject?

- Observing
- Predicting
- Questioning
- Investigating and experimenting
- Recognising patterns
- Planning
- Estimating and measuring
- Analysing and Evaluating

What will you be learning?

Pupils in Year 10 follow the AQA GCSE Syllabus which gives them a good grounding in the three sciences and so enables pupils to continue their studies at A-Level should they wish to.

There are 21 required practicals that the pupils must study and these make up 15% of the marks on the final exam.

Details of the specification can be found at
<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse>

How will you be learning?

Through experiments and demonstrations
By research (internet / books)
Through whole class and small group discussion
By independent learning
Through quiet reflection
By expressing ideas in writing

How will your learning be assessed?

You will complete a formal assessment each half term
Formal half-year and full-year tests
Informally through teacher observations with feedback

Home Learning

Regular home learning tasks will be set as required by the class teacher. This will be at least once a fortnight from each science subject.

<p>Equipment needed? Black & purple pen, pencil, ruler, calculator</p>	<p>How can your parents support your learning? Parents can help by discussing the topics you are doing and trying to link them to everyday situations. They are also encouraged to discuss research / assessments. Purchase recommended revision material.</p>
<p>SMSC Links – Focus on Aspirations Science can open up many career pathways as well as help provide solutions to problems humans may experience in the future. You could be the next Nobel Prize winner.</p>	<p>What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available? School trips / Science Club / STEM activities / Science VLE</p>