

**Whitworth Community High School
Science Department**

Teacher in Charge/Faculty Leader: Mr. T. Kent

Year 9 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

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 9 start the AQA GCSE Syllabus which enables them to gain crucial grounding in ready for the work they complete in Yr 10 & 11.

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

Home Learning booklets will be provided each half term and will extend on the topics covered in class

Regular home learning tasks will be set as required by the class teacher

Equipment needed?

Black & purple pen, pencil, ruler, calculator

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.

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.

What extra-curricular activities or enrichment opportunities are available?

School trips / Science Club / STEM activities / Science VLE