GCSE Combined Science

BIOLOGY	CHEMISTRY	PHYSICS	
1. Cell Level Systems	1. Particles	1. Matter	
2. Scaling up	2. Elements and Bonding	2. Forces	
3. Organism Level Systems	3. Chemical Reactions	3. Electricity and magnetism	
4. Community Level systems 4. Predicting Chemical Read		4. Waves and Radioactivity	
5. Genetics	5. Rate of Change	5. Energy	
6. Global Challenges	6. Global Challenges	6. Global Challenges	

Biology Paper 1	Chemistry Paper 1	Physics Paper 1
Units 1-3	Units 1-3	Units 1-3
70 minutes	70 minutes	70 minutes
60 marks	60 marks	60 marks
Biology Paper 2 Units 4-6 70 minutes 60 marks	Chemistry Paper 2 Units 4-6 70 minutes 60 marks	Physics Paper 2 Units 4-6 70 minutes 60 marks

GCSE Combined Science - Tiers

50% OF MARKS in Higher Tier papers cover grades from 9-9 to 7-6

50% OF MARKS

in Higher Tier papers cover grades from 6-6 to 4-4

On the Higher Tier there is an allowed 4-3 grade for candidates who just miss the 4-4 grade

There is no UMS in the reformed GCSE. Therefore candidates who miss the allowed 4-3 grade on the Higher Tier receive a U



Higher Tier only

Migher and Foundation Tier

Foundation Tier only

The highest grade available on the Foundation Tier is 5-5

50% OF MARKS

in Foundation Tier papers cover grades from 5-5 to 3-3

50% OF MARKS

in Foundation Tier papers cover grades from 3-3 to 1-1

GCSE Combined Science - Tiers

Will my certificate show the tier I sat?

Certificates do not show the tier of entry; they only show the grade achieved.

Is it easier to get a 5-5 on Higher Tier?

Each tier contains 20% common questions. This is used by exam boards to align the standards between tiers. This ensures that it is not easier to get a 4-4 or 5-5 on one tier than another.

What is recommended?

Ofqual recommend that if a student is expected to get a 4-4 or 5-5, they should take the Foundation tier papers.

Which tier should I be entered for if I just achieve a 5-5 in my mock?

If you only just got enough marks for a 5-5, it is recommended that you should take Foundation tier papers. Students who are aiming for a 5-5 are able to access at least twice as many marks in the Foundation Tier papers.

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GCSE Science – opportunities

Course	Peter Symonds	QMC	Alton College	Barton Peveril
Biology	6-6 or 6-5	6-6	6-6	6-6
Chemistry	7-6 or 6-6	6-6	6-6	6-6
Physics	7-6 or 6-6	6-6	6-6	6-6

These are the big three, but there are MANY more...

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GCSE Science – opportunities

Course	College	Pre-requisite Grades
Medical Science	Medical Science Barton Peveril Alton College	
Environmental Science	Environmental Science Peter Symonds QMC	
Physical Education	Barton Peveril Alton College	4-4 (5*) 5-5
Electronics	QMC	6-6 (recommended)
Applied Human Biology	Peter Symonds	4-4
Health & Science (L2) Health & Nursing T-level	Alton College	3-3 5-5 or 5-4
Engineering (L3)	Alton College	4-4

GCSE Science - tools

- Pens black for exams (these are scanned)
- Pens, pens, pens! bring spares to school

Maths skills in science:

- Calculator 'Scientific' helps
- Students can access more marks with ease
- Pencil and rubber plotting graphs
- Ruler taking measurements in questions



PE	RINS P	erins Values – Science
P	Participation	 Bring everything you need to learn Do what you can to take part and contribute to a lesson
Ε	Excellence	 Challenge yourself every lesson If at first you don't succeed, try and try again
R	Respect	 Be silent for the teacher and other learners while they are speaking Listen and act responsibly on any help offered
ı	Independence	 Use the 'Brain – Book – Buddy – Boss' method to accomplish tasks Regularly review classwork and read around the subject area at home
N	Nurture	 Offer help to other learners on tasks Complete practical work in groups Share equipment sensibly
S	Safe	 Do not eat or drink in a lab Follow instructions given by the teacher Tidy-up practical work in a timely manner

What effort looks like in science

Basics:

- On time
- Prepared to learn book out, pen out, bags and coats in the bag store
- Full focus on the information presented
- Ask for clarity

PERINS Values:

- Recognised by achievement points
- Chat with your teacher

What does it mean to study GCSE science?

"...the process of building upon and deepening scientific knowledge and the understanding of ideas developed in earlier key stages..."

"...provides the platform for more advanced studies, establishing the basis for a wide range of careers."

From the National Curriculum

"For others, it will be
their last formal study of subjects that
provide the foundations for
understanding the
natural world and will enhance their lives
in an increasingly technological society."

Components in Science

Assessment objectives (AOs) are set by Ofqual and are the same across all Science GCSE specifications and all exam boards. The exams will measure how students have achieved the following assessment objectives.

AO1: RECALL

AO2: APPLICATION/UNSEEN INFOMRMATION

· AD2. Analysis information and ideas to interpret and avaluate make

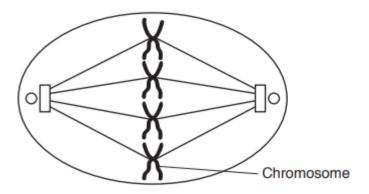
AO3: PRACTICAL SKILLS

Assessment	Component weightings (approx %)					Overall		
objectives (AOs)	Biology Paper 1	Biology Paper 2	Chemistry Paper 1	Chemistry Paper 2	Physics Paper 1	Physics Paper 2	weighting (approx %)	
AO1	37-43	37-43	37-43	37-43	37-43	37-43	40	
AO2	37-43	37-43	37-43	37-43	37-43	37-43	40	
AO3	17-23	17-23	17-23	17-23	17-23	17-23	20	
Overall weighting of components	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	100	



RECALL QUESTION

12 (a) The diagram shows a cell during one stage of mitosis.



(i) Describe two things that happen to the chromosomes in the next stage of mitosis.

(chromosomes) separate / split / divide / pulled apart ✓

2 2x1.1 WHERE A CANDIDATE USES A DIAGRAM LOOK FOR THE CORRECT IDEAS LABELLED ON THE DIAGRAM

(chromatids) move to opposite ends / by spindle fibres ✓

IGNORE just by fibres

ALLOW AS AN EXTRA MARKING POINT (two) new nuclei form / membrane forms around them / nuclear envelope forms around them / IGNORE cell membrane splits IGNORE references to DNA replication IGNORE cytokinesis / cell splitting

(ii) Chromosomes are made of DNA.

Describe the structure of DNA.

double helix ✓
polymer ✓

ALLOW polynucleotide ✓✓

ALLOW AS EXTRA MARKING POINTS

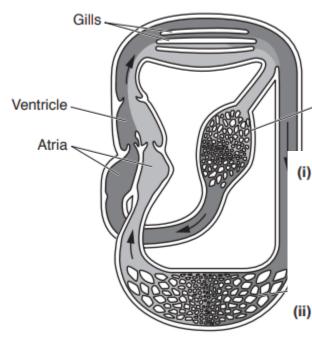
contains (four) <u>bases</u> ✓
reference to ATCG ✓
(made up of) nucleotides ✓
contains sugar / deoxyribose / phosphate group ✓
IGNORE deoxyribonucleic acid

APPLY QUESTION

(b) Lungfish are fish that have both gills and a lung.

When in water, the blood flows through the gills. When on land, blood flow to the gills is stopped and the blood enters the lung instead.

The diagram shows the circulatory system of a lungfish.



The lungfish circulatory system is different t

Blood in the lungfish can flow through gills a

-Lung

Write down one **other** way the **structure** of the lungfish circulatory system is different to that of humans.

(heart has) three chambers / not four chambers ✓	
(heart has) one ventricle / not two ventricles ✓	
only one artery leaving (heart) ✓	741
	[1]

When lungfish and humans are on land, the human circulatory system is more efficient than that of lungfish.

(in humans) oxygenated and deoxygenated blood kept

Suggest why the human circ separate ✓

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(so) more **oxygen** is carried around the body / more **oxygen** is supplied to the body cells ✓

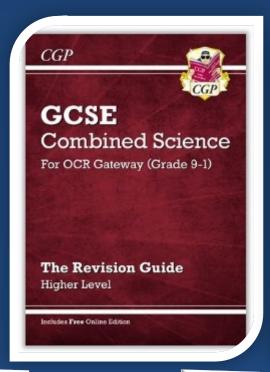
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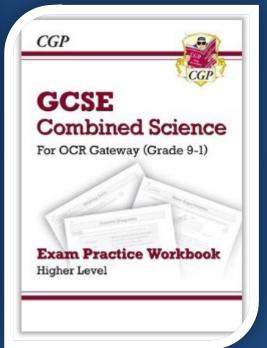
(b) The table shows his results.

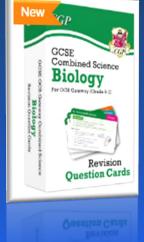
Concentration of sugar		Mass of potato chip	
		(c) Plot a graph of the percentage change in mass against conc	entration of sugar solution and
	solution (mol/dm ³)	At draw a line of best fit.	
	0.0		
	0.2		
	0.4		
	0.6 Use	e ideas about osmosis to explain the patterns in the results.	
	0.8	(chips) get bigger/gain mass when water moves in	-
		····················· OR (chips) get smaller/loses mass when water moves out ✓	
	1.0	(Chips) get shaller/loses mass when water moves out	
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			[3]
		(cells) is less ✓	
		(so) water moves in when the water potential inside (cells) is less ✓	
		chip in high(er) concentration (of solution) or more than 0.2 mol/dm³ the water potential inside (cells) is greater ✓	
			[4]

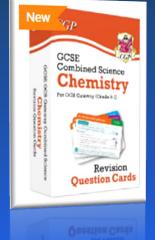
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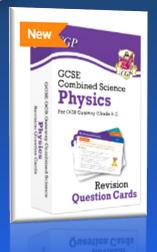
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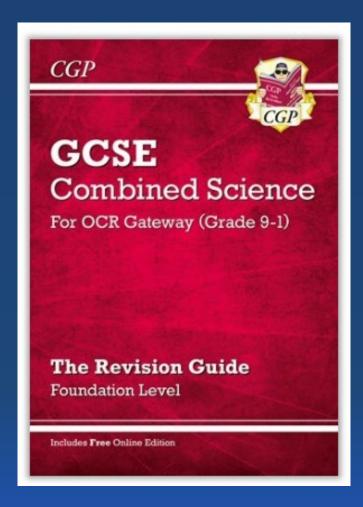


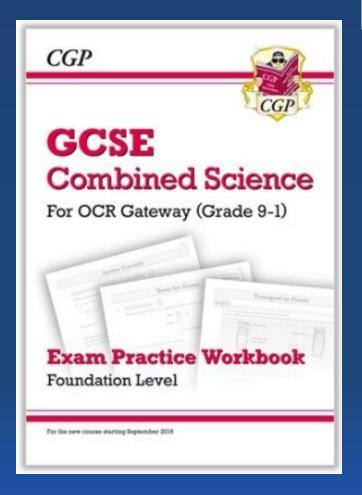


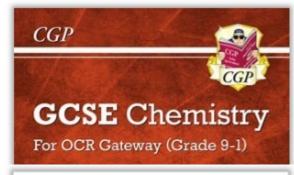


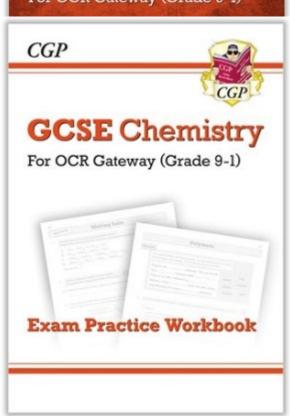


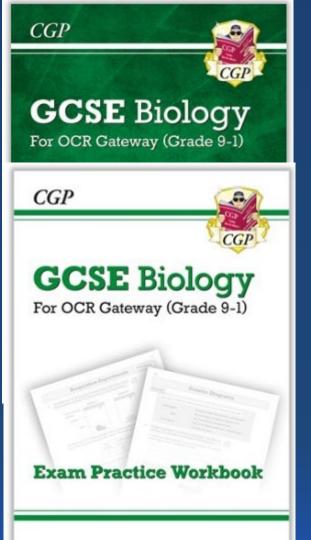


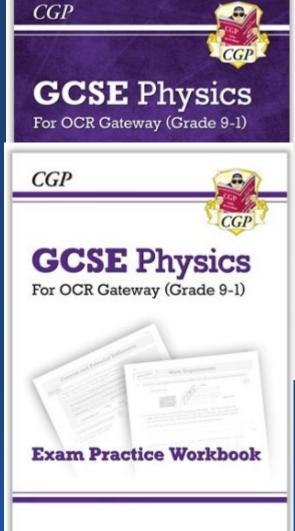
























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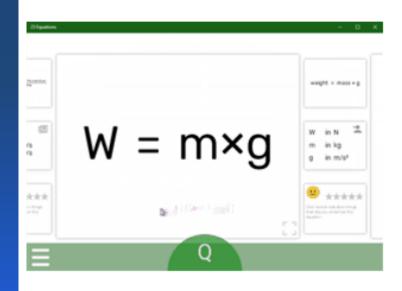
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How can you help at home?

- Look through your childs' exercise books with them
- What have they been studying?
- Are they correcting their own work & modelling answers?
- Are loose sheets stuck in? (some students struggle to complete this in class where teaching time is a premium)
- If possible, provide a quiet space for revision
- If possible, print out revision lists and past papers
- It's helpful to practice writing/typing answers
- Make sure they come to school with the right equipment