

AQA Science at Hinchingbrooke School

Science Sets

10DPB1, 10DPB2, 10DPBA & 10DPBB

All of the sets above are following the AQA Science. All the examinations will take place in the May/June 2014 season. Currently the examination dates are still provisional but the dates can be accessed from the following website:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/comptimetable/>

When on the website the exam that each course will be taking have the following codes:

Science A

Exam board: AQA

Course code: 4405

Exam codes (3 exams in total): BL1HP CH1HP PH1HP

For each of the GCSEs each examination is worth 25% of the final grade. All students before they leave on study leave would have completed the final 25% of the grade in the form of an ISA (the in school coursework equivalent).

In preparation for the examinations it is vital that the students take all opportunities to revise the content of the examinations and practice applying their knowledge to past papers. Listed below and on the back of this page are the website addresses to the specifications, past papers and useful revision sites.

GCSE science specifications:

Science: <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-4405-W-SP-14.PDF>

Past papers

Science A

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/science-a-4405/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Understanding the command words

This is a link to a useful document provided by AQA which explains the words used in the actual questions and what they are asking for in the examinations

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-GCSE-SCIENCE-COMMAND-WORDS.PDF>

Maximising marks when answering extended questions

One area of the examinations all students can benefit from practicing is the 6 mark long answer questions. Below is a link to a guide on how to answer them:

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-GCSE-SCIENCE-QWC.PDF>

Understanding and using the correct scientific terminology.

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-GCSE-SCIENCE-GLOSSARY.PDF>

Other useful revision sites:

- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/Science>
- <http://www.s-cool.co.uk>
- <http://www.schoolscience.co.uk>
- <http://www.chemguide.co.uk/>
- <http://www.darvill.clara.net/>
- <http://www.purchon.com/chemistry/index.htm>
- <http://www.creative-chemistry.org.uk/>
- <http://e2bn.skool.co.uk/index.aspx>
- www.samlearning.co.uk

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