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*AQA Triple Science*

*at*

*Hinchingsbrooke School*

*Science Sets*

*11JR1 11JR2 11JRA 11JRB 11JRC*

Additional notes

The Year 11 mocks have been completed. The dates of the final examinations have been released and it is vital that all of us work together in supporting you son/daughter in their preparation for the exams.

When your son/daughter receives their entries for their exams there will be a list of codes that they have been entered for. As you son/daughter is following the triple course there will be 5 entries for each GCSE. Of these 5 codes 1 is the course code and the other the coursework. There is no examination required for these in the summer season. There are only three examinations per subject.

The codes are as follows:

AQA Biology (4401)

Code	Explanation	Date of exam
BL1FP or BL1HP	Unit 1 Foundation or	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June (pm)
BL2FP or BL2HP	Unit 2 Foundation or	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May (am)
BL3FP or BL3HP	Unit 3 Foundation or	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May (am)
BL4P	Controlled assessment	No exam

AQA Chemistry (4402)

Code	Explanation	Date of exam
CH1FP or CH1HP	Unit 1 Foundation or	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June (pm)
CH2FP or CH2HP	Unit 2 Foundation or	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May (am)
CH3FP or CH3HP	Unit 3 Foundation or	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May (am)
CH4P	Controlled assessment	No exam

AQA Physics (4403)

Code	Explanation	Date of exam
PH1FP or PH1HP	Unit 1 Foundation or	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June (am)
PH2FP or PH2HP	Unit 2 Foundation or	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May (pm)
PH3FP or PH3HP	Unit 3 Foundation or	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> May (pm)
PH4P	Controlled assessment	No exam

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 are the website addresses to the specifications, past papers and useful revision sites.

## **GCSE science specifications:**

**Biology** : <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-BIOL-W-SP-14.PDF>

**Chemistry**: <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-4402-W-SP-14.PDF>

**Physics**: <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-PHYS-W-SP-14.PDF>

## **Past papers**

**Biology** : <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-4401/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

**Chemistry**: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-4402/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

**Physics**: <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/physics-4403/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/>

- On this website, please find the examination in orange and then select the blue AQA Science Topics

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk>

- On this website, select the GCSE tab and then follow the Biology, chemistry and physics. This site is not specific to AQA but does provide good questions for studying the topics.

In the run up to the examinations the Science department will be running, check-in sessions. These sessions are open to all and are times in which the Science Department are available to discuss work, revise content already met or reaffirm knowledge. The sessions are available afterschool and at lunchtime to make it accessible to all.

In the table below are the sessions already available in department.

Day	Session	Year group/Topic	Teacher	Classroom
Monday	Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm	GCSE Physics	WZH	96
Monday	Afterschool 3:30-4:30pm	GCSE Triple Chemistry	RSA	88
Tuesday	Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm	GCSE Physics Unit 1	STK	96
Tuesday	Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm	GCSE Physics	WZH	96
Wednesday	Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm	GCSE Biology	RJM	96
Wednesday	Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm	GCSE Biology	MSB	95
Wednesday	Afterschool 3:30-4:30pm	GCSE Chemistry	RSA	88
Thursday	Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm	GCSE Biology	RCW	96
Thursday	Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm	GCSE Physics	WZH	95
Thursday	Afterschool 3:30-4:30pm	GCSE Chemistry	SER	96

If you have any questions on anything that was discussed during the evening, please do not hesitate to contact either Rhi Alford [RSA@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:RSA@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk) , Matthew Pinder [MIP@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:MIP@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk) or Sam Waring [SMW@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:SMW@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk).