

A Level – Chemistry - AQA

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Course Description

Chemistry is a popular choice for A Level because of its exciting experiments and applications to many real life contexts.

The study of Chemistry provides vital understanding for the way materials and chemicals can be used to make a whole range of exciting products, from plastics, perfumes and prosthetic limbs to how chemicals work in living organisms. Students are encouraged to develop their skills including carrying out many practical reactions and making interesting products such as aspirin.

Assessment

Paper 1 - written exam (2 hours, 105 marks and is worth 35% of the final A Level)

Inorganic chemistry with relevant physical chemistry topics

Relevant practical skills

Paper 2 - Written exam (2 hours, 105 marks and is worth 35% of the final A Level)

Organic chemistry with relevant physical chemistry topics

Relevant practical skills

Paper 3 - Written exam (2 hours, 90 marks and is worth 30% of the final A Level)

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Any practical skills

Although this will not contribute to the overall grade, students will be assessed on their practical competencies. If successful, a certificate is awarded alongside their A Level qualification.

Additional Entry Guidance

We recommend that you have a grade 6 or above in Combined Science (Trilogy) or Chemistry at GCSE (Higher Paper). It must be emphasised that this is not a requirement but may prove helpful, especially when accessing the higher grades at A Level.

This course is not suitable if you are re-sitting GCSE Mathematics.