

Students started their Science GCSE studies whilst in Year 9. During Year 10, pupils continue with these as Science lessons lead to the Triple Award or Combined Award in Science. This means that by the end of Year 11 pupils will receive three separate GCSEs one in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics or two GCSEs in a Combined Science Award.

Pupils have to complete key practical assignments throughout the course which are examined in their final written examinations. Pupils have four lessons per two week cycle in each of the three sciences and most will be taught by one subject specialist teacher. All students will sit a total of 6 Science GCSE examinations at the end of Year 11.

The main difference is that the Combined Science examinations will be 75 minutes in duration whilst the triple award will be 105 minutes, due to the increase in content.

In order to make progress throughout the course you will need to be aware of the levels of knowledge and understanding in all branches of Science.

In order to monitor your progress you will be assessed at regular intervals throughout the year by end of topic tests. These will be assessed and feedback given to how you are performing. This will enable your teachers to guide you towards the work you must do to achieve a high grade. GCSE Choices Booklet 2019 Page 6 of 23

Additionally you will be given homework consisting of questions from examination papers which are related to the topics you will be studying at the time. These will be marked and will give another indication of your level of performance.