

GCSE ELC (Entry Level Certificate) Curriculum Guide

To be taught alongside GCSE Combined Science

What will my son learn?		
Y10 Autumn term - Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 1- Biology: The human body 	Y10 Spring Term - Chemistry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 3 - Chemistry: Elements, mixtures and compounds 	Y10 Summer Term - Physics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 5 - Physics: Energy, forces and the structure of matter
Y11 Autumn term - Biology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 2 - Biology: Environment, evolution and inheritance 	Y11 Spring Term - Chemistry <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 4 - Chemistry: Chemistry in our world 	Y11 Summer Term - Physics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Component 6 - Physics: Electricity, magnetism and waves

How will my son be assessed?	
<p>Students should submit evidence from all six components, (three if only completing a single award).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are two different types of assessment. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Externally-set assignments (ESAs) consist of a short written test. Teacher-devised assignments (TDAs) consist of a short piece of practical work. Students will be awarded a level 1, 2 or 3 with 1 being the lowest and 3 the highest. The course will be taught alongside Combined science giving students support and also the chance to achieve 3 GCSEs 	
Externally-set assignments (ESA) <p>Externally-set assignment: 45 minutes each test is worth 20 marks weighting 57%</p> <p>These assignments are set by AQA and marked by the teacher using a mark scheme provided by AQA. ESAs and mark schemes are accessible via e-AQA.</p>	Teacher-devised assignments (TDA) <p>Teacher-devised assignment each piece of practical work is worth 15 marks weighting 43%</p> <p>These are assessments of practical tasks set by the teacher and marked against the marking criteria provided in the Scheme of assessment.</p>

How can I support my son with the ELC course.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attendance to all lessons is compulsory Students should be encouraged to do independent reading outside of the assigned homework Ensure he is up-to-date with assignments and is meeting all deadlines set by the school Websites and books will be published to support the new specifications

