GCSE Combined Science (Trilogy) Curriculum Guide

What will my son learn?

Y10 Autumn term - Biology

- Cell Biology
- Organisation
- Infection & response
- Bioenergetics

Y11 Autumn term - Biology

- Homeostasis & response
- Inheritance, variation & evolution
- Ecology

Y10 Spring Term - Chemistry

- Atomic structure & the periodic table
- Bonding, structure & the properties of matter
- Quantitative Chemistry
- Chemical Changes
- Energy Changes
- The rate & extent of chemical change

Y11 Spring Term - Chemistry

- Organic chemistry
- Chemical analysis
- Chemistry of the atmosphere
- Using resources

Y10 Summer Term - Physics

- Forces
- Energy
- Waves
- Electricity

Y11Summer Term - Physics

- Magnetism & electromagnetism
- Particle model of matter
- Atomic structure

How will my son be assessed?

- 6 exams (2 biology, 2 chemistry, 2 physics)
- Each is 1 hour 15mins long
- Each is worth 70marks (16.7% of overall grade)
- Questions can be multiple-choice, structured, closed, short answer and open response.
- Foundation and Higher Tier papers.
- 1-9 Grading scale (17points from 1-1 to 9-9)

Assessment objectives

- AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of: scientific ideas; scientific techniques and procedures
 40%
- AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of: scientific ideas; scientific enquiry, techniques and procedures – 40%
- AO3: Analyse information and ideas to: interpret and evaluate; make judgments and draw conclusions; develop and improve experimental procedures 20%

#NB – There is no controlled assessment – practical skills will be developed within the lessons and examined in the paper exams

How can I support my son with the Trilogy course.

- 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

