



OPTION SUBJECT (EBACC) GCSE TRIPLE SCIENCE

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Examination Board AQA - Graded 1 - 9

This course is worth three independent GCSE grades, one in Biology, one in Chemistry and one in Physics. Each GCSE is assessed through two external written answer papers, each contributing 50% of the total mark for that subject. There is no controlled assessment component, but students will complete 8 required practicals per subject (so 24 in total) over the entire course, and questions on the written papers will assess these skills. There will be both higher and foundation tiers available. All external exams will be at the end of Year 11.

As Triple Science is worth 3 GCSEs, students will complete 10 periods of Triple Science at the same time as the rest of the cohort as part of their core provision. 5 additional periods are completed in one of the option blocks. Students cannot pick and choose which of the sciences to study, all three need to be completed at KS4 as per Government requirements.

Grades available

There will be a 9 point grading scale with grades available from 9 to 1 for each independent GCSE in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The level of difficulty of the papers determines the range of grades which may be awarded.

Foundation tier	grades 1 to 5
Higher tier	grades 4 to 9