CHEMISTRY

Exam Board: AQA





WHY TAKE THIS COURSE?

This specification is designed to encourage candidates to:

- Gain hands- on practical skills and data analysis skills.
- Appreciate how science works and its relevance beyond the laboratory.
- Develop an enthusiasm for chemistry.
- Demonstrate a synoptic understanding.
- Study chemistry in a contemporary context.

AIMS OF THE COURSE

- To develop essential knowledge and understanding of concepts of chemistry and the skill needed for the use of these in new and changing situations
- To be aware of advances in technology relevant to chemistry

 To show knowledge and understanding of facts, principles and concepts from different areas of chemistry and to make and use connections between them

COURSE STRUCTURE AND CONTENT

Module 1: Physical Chemistry

Module 2: Inorganic Chemistry

Module 3: Organic Chemistry

ASSESSMENT

Paper 1: Periodic Table, Elements and Physical and Inorganic Chemistry

Paper 2: Synthesis and Analytical Techniques

Paper 3: Unified Chemistry

There is no coursework element to the course. Students complete a Practical Endorsement which is graded as Pass or Fail but does not contribute to the final grade given.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To be accepted on the A Level course a student should have at least 5 GCSEs at grades 9 - 4 (or equivalent). Students would be expected to have a GCSE of at least a grade 5-5 in either GCSE Combined Science or grade 5 in GCSE Triple Chemistry. A GCSE grade 4 in English and Mathematics is normally required, however, a GCSE grade 5 in Mathematics is desirable.