

What is the course about?

This course allows students to study the core principles and practical applications of biology, chemistry, and physics. It aims to develop essential practical scientific procedures and technical skills. It is designed to be taken alongside A Levels as part of a balanced study programme.

Course content

- Principles and applications of biology, chemistry, and physics.
- Practical scientific procedures and techniques.
- Optional unit focusing on scientific investigation skills or contemporary issues in science.

Assessment

Assessment is split 50% external (exams) and 50% internal (assignments). The mandatory content (three science principle units) is assessed by three 1-hour external exams, and two internal units cover the practical procedures and optional specialism.

Career pathways

This course provides a pathway into higher education for science-related degrees. It is suitable for those aiming for graduate-level employment in sectors like scientific research, laboratory work, or technical industries.

Entry criteria

Minimum of five grade 4 to 9s at GCSE, including English, Maths and a 5:4 in Science.