



Science FAQs

What is the difference between Combined Science and Triple?

Combined Science is a double award that gives you 2 GCSE grades in “Science”, Triple gives you 3 grades in 3 separate disciplines (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). You learn more content for all disciplines in Triple than in Combined.

Science is a core subject like English and Maths so if you do not choose Triple Science as an option you will study Combined Science.

Can you do A level Sciences with GCSE Combined Science?

Yes, you need to achieve 2 grade 6's in GCSE Combined Science in order to study an A level in any of the Science disciplines (along with meeting the school's entry requirements).

How different are the exams?

Combined Science you have to take 6 exams 2 of each discipline and each 1 hour 15 minutes.

Triple Science you have to take 6 exams 2 of each discipline each 1 hour 45 minutes.

Both Combined and Triple offer Foundation and Higher Tiers.

In Combined - foundation grades go from 1,1 to 5,5 and higher from 4,4 to 9,9

In Triple - foundation is from 1 to 5 and higher from 4 to 9.

The tier you are entered for is decided after mock exams in Year 11.

What does the STEM option mean with Triple Science?

If you choose triple science as an option you will have one lesson a week called a STEM lesson. You will be with either a Science or Technology teacher to work on projects, learning how to investigate and produce ideas around Science and Technology. The aim is to widen your knowledge of STEM careers and work as a team to enter competitions such as the Big Bang.

Are the classes in sets?

No, all Science classes are mixed ability.