

## **AQA GCSE Science Revision Guides**

## Dear Parents,

The work students complete at home in preparing for their GCSE exams is vital. To support this, I am recommending to you a way of ordering a range of Science revision resources that are tailored to your son/daughters' course.

Our students follow the **AQA exam board** course, either a '<u>Separate Sciences</u>' course (option) which leads to three GCSEs, one in each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics or they follow a '<u>Combined Science</u>' course (you may see this called a '<u>Trilogy</u>' course) which leads to a GCSE equivalent to two GCSEs. The mark for the 'Combined' is arrived at from the total marks from the Biology, Chemistry and Physics exams they sit. For both Separate and Combined courses there are tailored resources which are offered as Higher or Foundation tier versions. Your son/daughters' class teacher can advise them which tier to purchase.

For our Year 9 and Year 10 students it is the chance to obtain the materials that will support them throughout their GCSE course. Our Year 11 students will have had chance to purchase some of these materials last year but if they missed out or want to buy any of the newly available materials, such as flash revision cards, they will be able to use the same method. Many of last year's successful Year 11 students made great use of these resources.

The recommended resources on offer are...

- **A revision guide** this is written specifically for the exam board and provides a good basis for the key information, it comes with free access to an online revision guide.
- **A workbook (and answers)** this contains questions to practise on specific areas of the course. Very good to review which areas need more work.
- A pack of practise questions this draws together many topics into exam papers to help student experience what they might face in the final exam.
- A maths skills booklet of practise questions the new Science GCSEs have a higher demand of maths than in previous years.
- **A booklet of 10 minute tests** designed to take 10mins each that students can work on little and often.
- A set of revision flash cards (new this year) these provide key information and questions in a format that can be used little and often to support revision.

## On the reverse of this letter is information on how to access the revision guide website from which you can buy these resources.

I appreciate that the costs can mount up if you order all of the recommended items; for Year 9 and 10 students you could spread the buying over the next few years building up the resources ready for Year 11 and/or the website does offer discounts depending upon how much you spend. The list above can be seen as an order of priority if you want a recommendation of what to buy first. Pupil Premium students will receive a revision guide and workbook from the school. If you have concerns about meeting the costs of these revision materials, please do drop me an email and I will be able to look into if the school can help with the costs.

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## How to order Science GCSE revision resources:

Go to the CGP Books website - <u>https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/</u>



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