



St Bede's

GCSE EXAM INFORMATION
PART A: CORE SUBJECTS

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GCSE REVISION

This booklet contains exam information for the different subjects you are studying. It is important to start revising early so you have time to repeat your revision of each topic. Remember what you discussed during prep time about your working memory and your long term memory. That each time you revisit something it is more likely to move into your long term memory.

You have discussed revision strategies in prep and your class teachers will discuss subject specific ideas for revising individual subjects.

Here are a few general tips for revision:

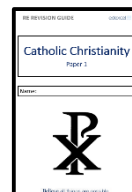
1. Start revising early (months, not days)
2. Plan your revision. Create a revision timetable
3. Don't waste time making your notes look pretty! It's not productive.
4. Think about where you are revising. Avoid distractions.
5. Make notes on revision cards or sticky notes
6. Summarise/highlight, don't just copy your notes.
7. Quiz yourself or get friends/family to quiz you
8. Complete past papers. Remember, if there is something you struggle on, don't ignore it, revise it.
9. Make the most of the class time you have left – arrive on time so you can complete any retrieval starters, stay focussed in class and complete all classwork, asking for help if you need it.
10. Complete the homework you are set – Your teacher will set homework aimed at helping you to revise various parts of the subject.



RE GCSE OVERVIEW

Paper 1: Catholic Christianity	1 hour 45 mins	50%
Paper 2: Judaism	50 mins	25%
Paper 3: Philosophy and Ethics	50 min	25%

Paper 1: Catholic Christianity



Section 1: Beliefs

	1.1	The Trinity	
	1.2	Creation	
	1.3	Creation and humanity	
	1.4	The incarnation	
	1.5	The Paschal Mystery	
	1.6	Salvation and Grace	
	1.7	Eschatology	

Section 2: Practices

	2.1	The sacraments	
	2.2	Liturgical worship	
	2.3	The funeral rite	
	2.4	Prayer	
	2.5	Forms of popular piety	
	2.6	Pilgrimage	
	2.7	Catholic Social Teaching	
	2.8	Mission and evangelisation	

Section 3: Sources of Wisdom

	3.1	The Bible	
	3.2	Magisterium	
	3.3	The Second Vatican Council	
	3.4	The Church as the Body of Christ	
	3.5	The four marks of the Church	
	3.6	Mary as a model of the Church	
	3.7	Making moral decisions	

Section 4: Forms of expression

	4.1	Architecture and design	
	4.2	Features of Catholic churches	
	4.3	Sacred objects	
	4.4	Paintings, drawings and frescos	
	4.5	Sculptures and statues	
	4.6	Symbolism and imagery in religious art	
	4.7	Mystery plays and passion plays	
	4.8	Music	

Paper 2: Judaism



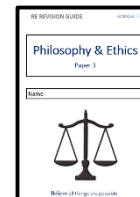
Section 1: Beliefs

	1.1	The Almighty	
	1.2	The Shekinah	
	1.3	The Messiah	
	1.4	The Covenant with Abraham	
	1.5	The Covenant at Sinai	
	1.6	Moral Principles and Mitzvot	
	1.7	Sanctity of Life	
	1.8	Life after Death	

Section 2: Practices

	2.1	Public acts of worship	
	2.2	Tanakh, Talmud and Kosher	
	2.3	Prayer	
	2.4	Rituals and ceremonies	
	2.5	Shabbat	
	2.6	Festivals	
	2.7	Features of the synagogue	

Paper 3: Philosophy & Ethics



Section 1: Arguments for the Existence of God

	1.1	Revelation	
	1.2	Visions	
	1.3	Miracles	
	1.4	Religious Experiences	
	1.5	The Design Argument	
	1.6	The Cosmological Argument	
	1.7	The existence of suffering	
	1.8	Solutions to the problem of suffering	

Section 2: Religious teachings on Relationships and Families in the 21st Century

	2.1	Marriage	
	2.2	Sexual Relationships	
	2.3	Family Planning	
	2.4	The Family	
	2.5	Support for the Family	
	2.6	Divorce, annulment and marriage	
	2.7	Equality of men and women in the family	
	2.8	Gender prejudice and discrimination	

GCSE MATHEMATICS

EXAM INFORMATION – FOUNDATION & HIGHER

EXAM	LENGTH	MARKS
Paper 1: Non-Calculator	1 hour 30 mins	80 marks
Paper 2: Calculator	1 hour 30 mins	80 marks
Paper 3: Calculator	1 hour 30 mins	80 marks

REVISION TIPS

Be organised and start early. Take advantage of the support around you. Your teacher, Mathswatch, friends and family and the various revision sites available online such as Corbett Maths and Maths Genie.

There are many ways to revise, it is good to vary the way you revise. You might watch videos on Mathswatch, make revision cards, test yourself while revising with friends or work on your own completing past papers or topic sheets such as those on Corbett Maths or Maths Genie.

You could start by highlighting the topics on the advanced information list that you feel you need to revise the most. Remember, the best way to revise maths is to do maths! Complete all practice exam papers that you are given. Do not be content to leave a question if you don't know how to do it, use the resources below to try and work it out. If you still can't do it, get help from a friend or your maths teacher.

Complete all the revision tasks that are assigned to you from your teacher. Do additional tasks to address any areas of weakness.

Complete and refer to your revision notes/cards. Write the facts/formulae you need to remember on post it notes and put them in places where you will see them regularly.

Finally, use your lesson time wisely. You might spend a few hours a week revising at home, but remember you have 4 hours a week in school. Keep 100% focussed and avoid distractions.

REVISION RESOURCES

- www.sparxmaths.com (see your maths teacher for your login details) – identify weaker areas and click on the independent learning tab to find appropriate videos/lessons/exercises.
- www.vle.mathswatch.com (see your maths teacher for your login details) – lots of lessons, identify weaker areas and find appropriate videos/lessons/exercises.
- www.onmaths.com – no login details required, plenty of past paper practice and marked immediately.
- www.mrbartonmaths.com – go to “Students section” for, amongst other things past papers and worked solution.
- www.mathsgenie.co.uk go to ‘Edexcel GCSE Papers’ to practice past papers or ‘GCSE revision’ for practice on individual topics.
- www.mrbartonmaths.com/gcse.htm go to ‘GCSE Maths’ for a variety of resources such as videos and past papers.

EXAM SKILLS

Make sure you bring your calculator to every lesson; you need to get used to using your own make of calculator.



Read all the question carefully and underline anything you think is important.

METHOD MARKS Make sure you write down all your **working out**, you’d be surprised how many marks you can lose by not doing so.

If you need to cross anything out, just put a single line through it. You might also be surprised that in the past pupils have managed to pick up marks for working out they crossed out. There is a possibility of crossed work gaining marks. But only if the examiner can read it.

Think about whether your answer is **realistic**, for example, gas bills don’t tend to run into thousands of pounds, no-one walks 400 miles in a day and people are not 10 metres tall. Have you given an angle as a value more than 90° when on the diagram it is an acute angle?





FOUNDATION TOPICS

ANY OF THE TOPICS BELOW COULD BE TESTED ON EITHER OF THE THREE PAPERS

UNIT	TOPIC	OBJECTIVES
1	Decimals and Estimation	Ordering numbers Negative numbers BIDMAS Rounding and estimating Error intervals
2	Factors, Multiples and Primes	Types of number - square, cube etc HCF and LCM Primes
3	Algebraic Manipulation	Simplifying expressions Expanding brackets and factorising Substitution Expanding and factorising quadratics
4	Fractions	Fractions of amounts Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers Recurring decimals
5	Indices and Standard Form	Laws of indices Fractional and negative powers Standard form and calculations with standard form
6	Angles and Polygons	Basic angle facts Measure and draw angles Identify different shapes, eg isosceles triangles Rotational and line symmetry Angles in parallel lines Angles in polygons
7	Sequences	Identify different types of sequences Find and use the N^{th} terms Generate a quadratic sequence
8	Collecting Data and Sampling	Types of data Sampling methods Two way tables Frequency trees Use stratified samples
9	Area and Volume	Perimeter and area of 2D shapes (rectangle, triangle, compound, trapezium, parallelograms) Circumference and area of circles Area and perimeter of sectors Volume of 3D objects Surface area of 3D objects Nets

10	Compound measures	Speed, distance and time Density, mass and volume Pressure, force and area Distance-time graphs
11	Averages and Range	Averages from lists Averages from frequency tables Compare two sets of data using averages and range Stem and leaf diagrams
12	Constructions, Loci and Bearings	Constructions using a compass and/or protractor Loci Bearings Plans and elevations
13	Linear Equations	Solving equations Forming equations
14	Percentages	Work out percentages with/without a calculator Write one amount as a percentage of another Problems involving percentages Compound interest Reverse percentages
15	Formulae	Substitution Changing the subject of a formula
16	Coordinates and Graphs	Plot and read coordinates Drawing straight line graphs Finding equations from a graph Find solutions of an equation from a graph Working with $y=mx+c$ Midpoints Sketch and read simple cubic and reciprocal graphs
17	Representing and Interpreting Data	Bar charts including dual composite bar charts Pie charts Frequency polygons Scatter graphs
18	Ratio	Write ratios, simplify, share in an amount, combine ratios Write in the form 1:n, n:1 Direct proportion
19	Transformations	Translation Reflection Rotation Enlargement - with/without a centre of enlargement Invariant points
20	Solving Quadratics	Draw and read a quadratic graph Factorising

21	Pythagoras and Trigonometry in 2D	Find the lengths of the longest and shortest sides in a right-angled triangle Find the lengths of sides and size of angles using Trigonometry in right angled triangles
22	Inequalities	List the numbers that satisfy an inequality Show inequalities on a number line Solve inequalities
23	Simultaneous Equations	Solve simultaneous equations from a graph Solve simultaneous equations
24	Probability and Venn Diagrams	Use a probability scale Writing probabilities as fraction/decimals/% Sample space diagrams Probability trees Venn diagrams including using and recognising set notation
25	Vectors	Writing column vectors Adding and subtracting vectors Vectors between 2 points
26	Similarity and Congruence	Recognise congruent shapes Similar shapes



MATHS GCSE HIGHER TOPICS



ANY OF THE TOPICS BELOW COULD BE TESTED ON EITHER OF THE THREE PAPERS

UNIT	TOPIC	OBJECTIVES
1	Decimals and Estimation	Rounding and estimating Error intervals Bounds
2	Factors, Multiples and Primes	Types of number - square, cube etc HCF and LCM Primes
3	Algebraic Manipulation	Simplifying expressions Expanding brackets and factorising Substitution Expanding and factorising quadratics Expanding 3 brackets
4	Fractions	Adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions and mixed numbers Recurring decimals
5	Indices and Standard Form	Laws of indices Fractional and negative powers Changing the base to simplify expressions Standard form and calculations with SF
6	Angles and Polygons	Basic angle facts Angles in parallel lines Angles in polygons
7	Sequences	N^{th} terms Quadratic sequences
8	Collecting Data and Sampling	Types of data Sampling methods Capture-recapture
9	Area and Volume	Perimeter and circumference Area of 2D shapes (rectangle, triangle, compound, trapezium, parallelogram, circles) Area and perimeter of sectors Volume of 3D objects Surface area of 3D objects
10	Compound measures	Speed, distance and time Density, mass and volume Pressure, force and area Distance-time graphs
11	Averages and Range	Averages from lists Averages from frequency tables Stem and leaf diagrams
12	Constructions, Loci and Bearings	Constructions using a compass Loci Bearings

13	Linear Equations	Solving equations Forming equations
14	Percentages	Problems involving percentages Compound interest Reverse percentages
15	Formulae	Substitution Changing the subject of a formula Iterations
16	Coordinates and Graphs	Drawing straight line graphs Finding equations Working with $y=mx+c$ Midpoints
17	Representing and Interpreting Data	Bar charts Pie charts Frequency polygons Scatter graphs
18	Ratio	Problems involving ratio Proportion
19	Transformations	Translation Reflection Rotation Enlargement - including negative SF
20	Solving Quadratics	Factoring Quadratic formula Completing the square
21	Pythagoras and Trigonometry in 2D	Pythagoras Trigonometry
22	Inequalities	Listing integers Representing on a number-line Solving inequalities Graphing inequalities Quadratic inequalities
23	Simultaneous Equations	Solving simultaneous equations Solving graphically Quadratic simultaneous equations
24	Probability and Venn Diagrams	Probability Tree diagrams Venn diagrams And/Or rule
25	Vectors	Column vectors Vectors between points Problems involving midpoints and ratios Collinear vectors
26	Representing and Interpreting Data	Quartiles and boxplots Cumulative frequency diagrams Histograms
27	Similarity and Congruence	Similar shapes Area and volume of similar shapes

		Proving shapes are congruent
28	Circle Theorems	Circle theorems Alternate segment theorem
29	Algebraic Fractions and Proof	Simplifying algebraic fractions Solving equations involving algebraic fractions Algebraic proof
30	Surds	Simplifying surds Brackets involving surds Rationalising the denominator
31	Proportion	Direct proportion problems - Exchange rates, recipes Direct proportion Inverse proportion
32	Gradients and Areas under Curves	Area under graphs/ curves Gradient of curves Velocity time graphs
33	Further Pythagoras and Trigonometry	3D problems Sine/cosine rule Area of triangle Graphs of trig functions
34	Further Graphs	Cubic graphs Reciprocal graphs Exponential graphs Circular graphs
35	Functions and Transformations of Graphs	Function notation $f(x)$ Inverse functions Composite functions Transforming graphs



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ENGLISH LANGUAGE REVISION GUIDE

PAPER 1: EXPLORATIONS IN CREATIVE READING & WRITING

PAPER 2: WRITERS' VIEWPOINTS & PERSPECTIVES

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AQA GCSE English Language

Paper 1 50%

Paper 2 50%

Section A:

Reading

1 unseen
literature fiction
text

Section B:

Writing

Descriptive or
narrative
writing

Section A:

Reading

1 non-fiction and
1 literary non-
fiction text

Section B:

Writing

Writing to
present a
viewpoint

**Total exam time:
1 hour and 45 minutes**

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**Paper 1:
Explorations in Creative Reading and
Writing**

**Paper 2:
Writers' Viewpoints and Perspectives**

I would just like to take this opportunity to reiterate my point. You will be re-sitting your English Language GCSE in the summer.

You need **5** GCSE pass grades **including English Language and Maths** to go to college, get a job or get an apprenticeship.

It may also be worth mentioning now that if you fail, you will have to resit the qualification again and again until the age of 25 or until you pass – whichever comes first. So, you **need** to focus.

PAPER 1: EXPLORATIONS IN CREATIVE READING & WRITING - OVERVIEW

1 HOUR & 45 MINUTES

READING - 40 MARKS (25%)	WRITING - 40 MARKS (25%)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">You will read one literature fiction text from the 20th or 21st century.You will answer 4 questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. COMPREHENSION - LIST FOUR (4 MARKS) - 5 MINUTES2. LANGUAGE (8 MARKS) - 10 MINUTES3. STRUCTURE (8 MARKS) - 10 MINUTES4. EVALUATION (20 MARKS) - 20 MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You will produce one piece of descriptive or narrative piece of writingThe topic will be linked to the reading text in Section AYou will choose between 2 tasks: Description or Narrative - or; 2 Narratives - or; 2 DescriptionsOne of the tasks will have a picture to help you think of ideasContent Marks = 24Accuracy Marks = 16 <p>Timings:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1294 1036 2135 1119"><thead><tr><th>PLANNING</th><th>WRITING</th><th>CHECKING</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>5 MINS</td><td>35 MINS</td><td>5 MINS</td></tr></tbody></table>	PLANNING	WRITING	CHECKING	5 MINS	35 MINS	5 MINS
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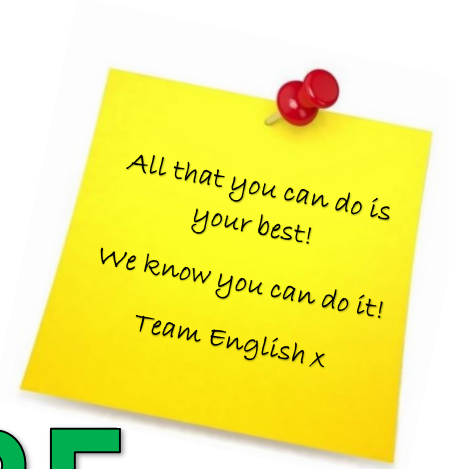
PAPER 2: WRITERS' VIEWPOINTS & PERSPECTIVES - OVERVIEW

1 HOUR & 45 MINUTES

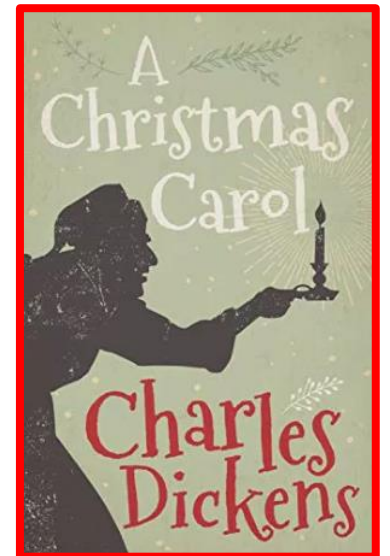
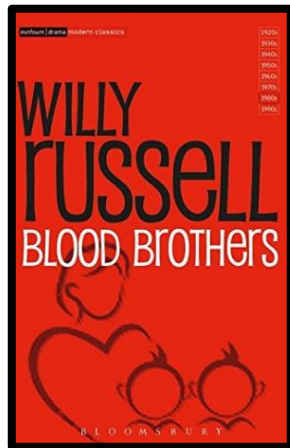
READING - 40 MARKS (25%)	WRITING - 40 MARKS (25%)						
<ul style="list-style-type: none">You will read one literature non-fiction text and one literary non-fiction textOne text will be from the 19th century; the other from the 20th or 21st centuryYou will answer 4 questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. COMPREHENSION - TRUE/FALSE (4 MARKS) - 5 MINUTES2. SUMMARY (8 MARKS) - 8 MINUTES3. LANGUAGE (12 MARKS) - 12 MINUTES4. COMPARISON (CONTENT & METHODS) (20 MARKS) - 20 MINUTES (PLANNING = 5 MINS & ANSWERING = 15 MINS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">You will produce one piece of viewpoint writingThe theme will be linked to Section AYou will write for a specific audience, purpose, and in a specific formContent Marks = 24Accuracy Marks = 16 <p>Timings:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="1291 782 2127 868"><thead><tr><th>PLANNING</th><th>WRITING</th><th>CHECKING</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>5 MINS</td><td>35 MINS</td><td>5 MINS</td></tr></tbody></table>	PLANNING	WRITING	CHECKING	5 MINS	35 MINS	5 MINS
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ENGLISH LITERATURE REVISION GUIDE



Exam Structure

AQA GCSE English Literature

Paper 1 40%

Paper 2 60%

Section A:
Shakespeare
Macbeth
[34 Marks]

Section B:
19th Century Novel
A Christmas Carol
[30 Marks]

Section A:
Modern Prose/Drama
Blood Brothers
[34 Marks]

Section B:
Poetry
Power and Conflict
Comparison
[30 Marks]

Section C:
Unseen Poetry
Analysis &
Comparison
[32 Marks]

Total exam time:
1 hour and 45 minutes
13th May

Total exam time:
2 hours and 15 minutes
20th May

Revising for English Literature

Revising for English Literature can be done in a number of ways; different methods work for different people and it is important to find the way that works for you.

- 1) Re-read the texts in your own time to ensure they are fresh in your mind. You are more likely to remember quotations and notice themes/patterns/techniques when re-reading the text.
- 2) Wider reading. Set your self apart from the crowd by researching and reading around the text. This could be other people's theories and interpretations of texts (use Google), contextual (AO3) information or a different revision guide.
- 3) Use the internet. Search for videos on YouTube such as those by [MrBruff](#), [Mr Salles](#) or [StaceyReay](#). You can watch the videos, make notes on top tips for each question and create your own revision guide. You can even try the activities that are suggests.
- 4) There are a great number of dedicated English Literature websites: [BBC Bitesize](#), [CliffsNotes](#), [SparkNotes](#), [thestudentroom](#), [Revision World](#), [LitCharts](#), [Gojimo](#). Use these free resources and make notes.
- 5) Buy a revision guide and work through it in your spare time. Books like the ones below give you tips on each question and examples of great answers. They also allow you to practise answering the questions.
- 6) Practise. Practice papers can be downloaded from the [AQA website](#) along with the mark schemes. Practising answers and understanding what the examiners are looking for are some of the most effective ways of preparing yourself for the exam.
- 7) And don't forget our Padlet page! It is constantly updated with valuable revision resources: [St Bede's English Department \(stbedesblackburnenglish\) profile | Padlet](#)

GCSE Combined Science: Foundation

Contents for Paper 1 and Paper 2

When revising for each paper, you need to know which content you are focusing on in your revision guide. Please use the content list on the next pages to label in your revision guide what is paper 1 content and paper 2 content.

Tips for using your revision guides:

- ✓ Focus on topics you are weakest on as a priority
- ✓ **Questions, questions, questions** – simply writing notes is an ineffective use of time. Time is better spent answering questions and finding the answers.
 - **End of topic question** - Every topic in your revision guide has end of topic questions. Answer these, find the answers if necessary
 - **Mark your answers** - Always mark your answers (answers at the back). Otherwise, you don't know if you would gain marks for your answer in the exam. Always add your improvements to know how to gain the marks
 - **Whole papers** - The back half of the revision guide are whole practice papers. Use these to revise and use the revision guide to find the answers to help you.

Best Ways to Revise in Science		
Practice Questions by topic from the revision guide	Whole Practice Papers (AQA)	Quizlet App for recall questions
Revision mats (Twinkl)	Put your phone away	Grade Gorilla Website for recall questions
Seneca Website	Flash Cards: Question on the front, answer on the back to test yourself	AO1 questions (from your teacher)

FOUNDATION – GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE

Biology Paper 1		1hr 15	70 marks	16.7%
Cell Biology				
	Eukaryotes: Animal and plant cells			
	Prokaryotes: Bacterial cells			
	Specialisation and differentiation of animal and plant cells			
	RP - Microscopes			
	Cell division			
	Stem cells			
	Diffusion			
	Osmosis			
	Active transport			
Organisation				
	Cells, tissues and organs			
	The digestive system			
	RP – food tests			
	The heart and blood vessels			
	Blood			
	Heart diseases and health issues			
	Non-communicable diseases and causes			
	Plant tissues and organs			
Infection and response				
	Communicable diseases			
	Viral, bacterial, fungal and protist diseases			
	Human defences			
	Vaccinations			
	Antibiotics and pain killers			
	Discover and development of drugs			
Bioenergetics				
	Photosynthesis			
	Rate of photosynthesis			
	RP – Light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis			
	Uses of glucose from photosynthesis			
	Aerobic and anaerobic respiration			
	Responses to exercise			
	Metabolism			

Chemistry Paper 1**1hr 15****70 marks****16.7%****Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table**

	Atoms, elements and compounds	
	Mixtures	
	Developing the model of the atom	
	Relative charges of sub-atomic particles	
	Size and mass of atoms	
	Relative atomic mass	
	Electronic structure	
	The periodic table	
	The development of the periodic table	
	Metals and non-metals	
	Properties of group 1, 7 and 0	

Bonding, structure and property of matter

	Chemical bonds	
	Ionic bonding and ionic compounds	
	Covalent bonding	
	Giant covalent structures (including diamond, graphite, graphene and fullerenes)	
	Metallic bonding	
	States of matter and state symbols	
	Properties of small molecules	
	Polymers	
	Properties of metals and alloys	

Quantitative chemistry

	Conservation of mass	
	Relative formula mass	
	Mass changes during a reaction	
	Chemical measurements	
	Calculating moles and moles in equations (HT)	
	Amounts of substances in equations (HT)	
	Limiting reactants (HT)	
	Concentrations of solutions	

Chemical Changes

	Metal oxides	
	The reactivity series	
	Extraction of metals	
	Reactions of acids with metals	
	Neutralisation of acids and salt production	
	RP – making salts from acids & insoluble bases	
	Soluble salts	
	Electrolysis (ionic compounds, extraction of metals, aqueous solutions)	
	RP - Electrolysis of solutions	

Energy Changes

	Energy transfers in endothermic and exothermic reactions	
	RP – energy changes in chemical reactions	
	Reaction profiles	
	Energy changes of reactions (HT)	

Physics Paper 1**1hr 15****70 marks****16.7%****Energy**

	Energy stores and systems	
	Changes in energy (including in systems)	
	RP – Specific heat capacity	
	Power	
	Energy transfers in a system	
	Efficiency	
	National and global energy resources	

Electricity

	Circuit diagrams	
	Electrical charge and current	
	Current resistant and potential difference	
	Resistors	
	RP – I-V characteristics of circuit components	
	Series and parallel circuits	
	Direct and alternating potential difference	
	Mains electricity	
	Power ($P = V \times I$; $P = I^2 \times R$)	
	Energy transfers in everyday appliances	
	The national grid	

Particle Model of Matter

	Density of materials	
	Changes of state	
	Internal energy	
	Temperature changes in a system and specific heat capacity	
	Changes of heat and specific latent heat	
	Particle motion in gases	

Atomic Structure

	The structure of an atom	
	Mass number, atomic number and isotopes	
	The development of the atomic model (also in chemistry)	
	Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation	
	Nuclear equations	
	Half-lives and random nature of decay	
	Radioactive contamination	

Biology Paper 2		1hr 15	70 marks	16.7%
Homeostasis and response				
	Homeostasis			
	The nervous system			
	Human endocrine system			
	Controlling blood glucose concentration			
	Hormones and human reproduction			
	Contraception			
	Infertility and treatment			
	Negative feedback (HT)			
Inheritance				
	Sexual and asexual reproduction			
	Meiosis			
	DNA and the genome			
	Genetic inheritance			
	Inherited disorders			
	Sex determination			
Variation and Evolution				
	Variation			
	Evolution			
	Selective breeding			
	Genetic engineering			
	Evidence for evolution			
	Fossils			
	Extinction			
	Resistant bacteria			
	Classification of living organisms			
Ecology				
	Communities			
	Abiotic and biotic factors			
	Adaptations			
	Levels of organisation			
	RP – Sampling techniques to measure population sizes			
	Cycling of materials			
	Biodiversity			
	Waste management			
	Land use			
	Deforestation			
	Global warming			
	Maintaining Biodiversity			

Chemistry Paper 2		1hr 15	70 marks	16.7%
The Rate of Chemical Change				
	Calculating rates of reactions			
	Factors affecting rates of reactions (including catalysts)			
	RP – rates of chemical reactions			
	Collision theory and activation energy			
	Reversible reaction and energy changes			
	Equilibrium			
	Changing conditions equilibrium (temp,pressure,conc) (HT)			
Organic Chemistry				
	Crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes			
	Fractional distillation and petrochemicals			
	Properties of hydrocarbons			
	Cracking and alkenes			
Chemical Analysis				
	Pure substances			
	Formulations			
	RP - Chromatography			
	Test for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and chlorine			
Chemistry of the atmosphere				
	Proportion of gases in the atmosphere			
	Earth's early atmosphere and changes in O ₂ and CO ₂			
	Greenhouse gases and the effects of human activity			
	Global climate change			
	The carbon footprint			
	Atmospheric pollutants from fuels			
	Properties and effects of atmospheric pollutants			
Using Resources				
	Earth's resources and sustainable development			
	Potable water			
	Waste water treatment			
	Alternative methods of extracting metals (HT)			
	Life cycle assessment			
	Ways of reducing the use of resources			

Physics Paper 2		1hr 15	70 marks	16.7%
Forces				
	Scalar and vector quantities			
	Contact and non-contact forces			
	Gravity			
	Resultant forces			
	Work done and energy transfers			
	Forces and elasticity			
	Distance and displacement			
	Speed and velocity			
	Distance-time relationship			
	Acceleration			
	Newton's 3 laws of motion			
	Stopping distance			
	Reaction time			
	Factors affecting braking distance			
	Momentum (HT)			
	Conservation of momentum (HT)			
Waves				
	Transverse and longitudinal waves			
	Properties of waves			
	Electromagnetic waves (properties and uses)			
	RP – Infrared absorption and emission			
Magnetism and Electromagnetism				
	Poles of a magnet and magnetic fields			
	Electromagnetism			
	Fleming's left-hand rule (HT)			
	Electric motors (HT)			

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HIGHER – GCSE COMBINED SCIENCE

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Cell Biology				
	Eukaryotes: Animal and plant cells			
	Prokaryotes: Bacterial cells			
	Specialisation and differentiation of animal and plant cells			
	Microscopes			
	Cell division			
	Stem cells			
	Diffusion			
	Osmosis			
	Active transport			
Organisation				
	Cells, tissues and organs			
	The digestive system			
	RP – Food tests			
	RP – Effect of pH on enzyme activity			
	The heart and blood vessels			
	Blood			
	Heart diseases and health issues			
	Non-communicable diseases and causes			
	Plant tissues and organs			
Infection and response				
	Communicable diseases			
	Viral, bacterial, fungal and protist diseases			
	Human defences			
	Vaccinations			
	Antibiotics and pain killers			
	Discover and development of drugs			
Bioenergetics				
	Photosynthesis			
	Rate of photosynthesis			
	RP – Light intensity on rate of photosynthesis			
	Uses of glucose from photosynthesis			
	Aerobic and anaerobic respiration			
	Responses to exercise			
	Metabolism			

Chemistry Paper 1		1hr 15	70 marks	16.7%
Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table				
	Atoms, elements and compounds			
	Mixtures			
	Developing the model of the atom			
	Relative charges of sub-atomic particles			
	Size and mass of atoms			
	Relative atomic mass			
	Electronic structure			
	The periodic table			
	The development of the periodic table			
	Metals and non-metals			
	Properties of group 1, 7 and 0			
Bonding, structure and property of matter				
	Chemical bonds			
	Ionic bonding and ionic compounds			
	Covalent bonding			
	Giant covalent structures (including diamond, graphite, graphene and fullerenes)			
	Metallic bonding			
	States of matter and state symbols			
	Properties of small molecules			
	Polymers			
	Properties of metals and alloys			
Quantitative chemistry				
	Conservation of mass			
	Relative formula mass			
	Mass changes during a reaction			
	Calculating moles and moles in equations (HT)			
	Amounts of substances in equations (HT)			
	Limiting reactants (HT)			
	Concentrations of solutions			
Chemical Changes				
	Metal oxides			
	The reactivity series			
	Extraction of metals			
	Oxidation and reduction (electrons) (HT)			
	Reactions of acids with metals			
	Neutralisation of acids and salt production			
	RP – making salts from acids & insoluble base			
	Soluble salts			
	Strong and weak acids (HT)			
	Electrolysis (ionic compounds, extraction of metals, aqueous solutions)			
	Electrolysis: half equations at electrodes (HT)			
	RP – Electrolysis of aqueous solution			
Energy Changes				
	Energy transfers in endothermic and exothermic reactions			
	Reaction profiles			
	Energy changes of reactions (HT)			
	RP – energy changes in a chemical reaction			

Physics Paper 1**1hr 15****70 marks****16.7%****Energy**

	Energy stores and systems	
	Changes in energy (including in systems)	
	RP – Specific heat capacity	
	Power	
	Energy transfers in a system	
	Efficiency	
	National and global energy resources	

Electricity

	Circuit diagrams	
	Electrical charge and current	
	Current resistant and potential difference	
	Resistors	
	RP – I-V characteristics of a lamp, resistor, diode	
	Series and parallel circuits	
	Direct and alternating potential difference	
	Mains electricity	
	Power ($P = V \times I$; $P = I^2 \times R$)	
	Energy transfers in everyday appliances	
	The national grid	

Particle Model of Matter

	Density of materials	
	Changes of state	
	Internal energy	
	Temperature changes in a system and specific heat capacity	
	Changes of heat and specific latent heat	
	Particle motion in gases	

Atomic Structure

	The structure of an atom	
	Mass number, atomic number and isotopes	
	The development of the atomic model (also in chemistry)	
	Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation	
	Nuclear equations	
	Half-lives and random nature of decay	
	Radioactive contamination	

Biology Paper 2	1hr 15	70 marks	16.7%
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Homeostasis and response			
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	Homeostasis		
	The nervous system		
	Human endocrine system		
	Controlling blood glucose concentration		
	Hormones and human reproduction		
	Contraception		
	Infertility and treatment (HT)		
	Negative feedback (HT)		

Inheritance			
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	Sexual and asexual reproduction		
	Meiosis		
	DNA and the genome		
	Genetic inheritance		
	Inherited disorders		
	Sex determination		

Variation and Evolution			
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	Variation		
	Evolution		
	Selective breeding		
	Genetic engineering		
	Evidence for evolution		
	Fossils		
	Extinction		
	Resistant bacteria		
	Classification of living organisms		

Ecology			
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	Communities		
	Abiotic and biotic factors		
	Adaptations		
	Levels of organisation		
	RP – sampling techniques to measure population sizes		
	Cycling of materials		
	Biodiversity		
	Waste management		
	Land use		
	Deforestation		
	Global warming		
	Maintaining Biodiversity		

Chemistry Paper 2		1hr 15	70 marks	16.7%
The Rate of Chemical Change				
	Calculating rates of reactions			
	Factors affecting rates of reactions (including catalysts)			
	RP – Rates of chemical reactions			
	Collision theory and activation energy			
	Reversible reaction and energy changes			
	Equilibrium			
	Changing conditions equilibrium (temp,pressure,conc) (HT)			
Organic Chemistry				
	Crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes			
	Fractional distillation and petrochemicals			
	Properties of hydrocarbons			
	Cracking and alkenes			
Chemical Analysis				
	Pure substances			
	Formulations			
	Chromatography			
	RP – Paper chromatography			
	Test for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and chlorine			
Chemistry of the atmosphere				
	Proportion of gases in the atmosphere			
	Earth's early atmosphere and changes in O ₂ and CO ₂			
	Greenhouse gases and the effects of human activity			
	Global climate change			
	The carbon footprint			
	Atmospheric pollutants from fuels			
	Properties and effects of atmospheric pollutants			
Using Resources				
	Earth's resources and sustainable development			
	Potable water			
	Waste water treatment			
	Alternative methods of extracting metals (HT)			
	Life cycle assessment			
	Ways of reducing the use of resources			

Physics Paper 2**1hr 15****70 marks****16.7%****Forces**

	Scalar and vector quantities	
	Contact and non-contact forces	
	Gravity	
	Resultant forces	
	Work done and energy transfers	
	Forces and elasticity	
	Distance and displacement	
	Speed and velocity	
	Distance-time relationship	
	Acceleration	
	Newton's 3 laws of motion	
	Stopping distance	
	Reaction time	
	Factors affecting braking distance	
	Momentum (HT)	
	Conservation of momentum (HT)	

Waves

	Transverse and longitudinal waves	
	Properties of waves	
	Electromagnetic waves (properties and uses)	
	RP – Absorbers and emitters of infrared radiations	

Magnetism and Electromagnetism

	Poles of a magnet and magnetic fields	
	Electromagnetism	
	Fleming's left-hand rule	
	Electric motors (HT)	

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FOUNDATION – SEPARATE SCIENCE

Biology Paper 1	1hr 45	100 marks	50% of B
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Cell Biology		
	Eukaryotes: Animal and plant cells	
	Prokaryotes: Bacterial cells	
	Specialisation and differentiation of animal and plant cells	
	Microscopes	
	RP – Microscopes	
	Culturing microorganisms (bio only)	
	Cell division	
	Stem cells	
	Diffusion	
	Osmosis	
	RP - Osmosis	
	Active transport	
Organisation		
	Cells, tissues and organs	
	The digestive system	
	RP – Food tests	
	The heart and blood vessels	
	Blood	
	Heart diseases and health issues	
	Non-communicable diseases and causes	
	Cancer	
	Plant tissues and organs	
Infection and response		
	Communicable diseases	
	Viral, bacterial, fungal and protist diseases	
	Human defences	
	Vaccinations	
	Antibiotics and pain killers	
	Discover and development of drugs	
	Production and uses of monoclonal antibodies (Bio only)	
	Plant defence responses	
Bioenergetics		
	Photosynthesis	
	Rate of photosynthesis	
	RP – Light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis	
	Uses of glucose from photosynthesis	
	Aerobic and anaerobic respiration	
	Responses to exercise	
	Metabolism	

Chemistry Paper 1		1hr 45	100 marks	50% of C
Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table				
	Atoms, elements and compounds			
	Mixtures			
	Developing the model of the atom			
	Relative charges of sub-atomic particles			
	Size and mass of atoms			
	Relative atomic mass			
	Electronic structure			
	The periodic table			
	The development of the periodic table			
	Metals and non-metals			
	Properties of group 1, 7 and 0			
	Transition metals properties (Chem only)			
	Transition comparison with group 1 metals (Chem only)			
Bonding, structure and property of matter				
	Chemical bonds			
	Ionic bonding and ionic compounds			
	Covalent bonding			
	Giant covalent structures (including diamond, graphite, graphene and fullerenes)			
	Nanoparticles (size, properties and uses) (Chem only)			
	Metallic bonding			
	States of matter and state symbols			
	Properties of small molecules			
	Polymers			
	Properties of metals and alloys			
Quantitative chemistry				
	Conservation of mass			
	Relative formula mass			
	Mass changes during a reaction			
	Chemical measurements			
	Calculating moles and moles in equations (HT)			
	Amounts of substances in equations (HT)			
	Limiting reactants (HT)			
	Concentrations of solutions			
	Percentage yield (Chem only)			
	Atom economy (Chem only)			
	Using concentrations of solution (Chem only)			
	Amount of substances in relation to volumes of gases (Chem only)			
Chemical Changes				
	Metal oxides			
	The reactivity series			
	Extraction of metals			
	Oxidation and reduction (electrons) (HT)			
	Reactions of acids with metals			
	Neutralisation of acids and salt production			
	RP – making salts from acids and insoluble bases			
	Soluble salts			

	Titration (Chem only)	
	RP – Determining volumes of acids & alkalis from titrations	
	Strong and weak acids (HT)	
	Electrolysis (ionic compounds, extraction of metals, aqueous solutions)	
	Electrolysis: half equations at electrodes (HT)	
Energy Changes		
	Energy transfers in endothermic and exothermic reactions	
	Reaction profiles	
	Energy changes of reactions (HT)	
	Chemical cells and batteries (Chem only)	
	Fuel cells (Chem only)	

Physics Paper 1**1hr 45****100 marks****50% of P****Energy**

Energy stores and systems	
Changes in energy (including in systems)	
RP – specific heat capacity	
Power	
Energy transfers in a system	
RP – Effectiveness of materials as insulators	
Efficiency	
National and global energy resources	

Electricity

Circuit diagrams	
Electrical charge and current	
Current resistant and potential difference	
RP – Factors affecting resistance in a circuit	
Resistors	
Series and parallel circuits	
Direct and alternating potential difference	
Mains electricity	
Power ($P = V \times I$; $P = I^2 \times R$)	
Energy transfers in everyday appliances	
The national grid	
Static charge (Physics only)	
Electric fields (Physics only)	

Particle Model of Matter

Density of materials	
RP – measuring density or regular and irregular objects	
Changes of state	
Internal energy	
Temperature changes in a system and specific heat capacity	
Changes of heat and specific latent heat	
Particle motion in gases	
Pressure in gases (Physics only)	
Increasing the pressure of a gas (Physics only)	

Atomic Structure

The structure of an atom	
Mass number, atomic number and isotopes	
The development of the atomic model (also in chemistry)	
Radioactive decay and nuclear radiation	
Nuclear equations	
Half-lives and random nature of decay	
Radioactive contamination	
Background radiation (Physics only)	
Different half-lives of radioactive isotopes (Physics only)	
Uses of nuclear radiation (Physics only)	
Nuclear fission (Physics only)	
Nuclear fusion (Physics only)	

Biology Paper 2**1hr 45****100 marks****50% of B****Homeostasis and response**

Homeostasis	
The nervous system	
RP – Human reaction time	
The brain (Bio only)	
The eye (Bio only)	
Control of body temperature	
Human endocrine system	
Controlling blood glucose concentration	
Maintaining water and nitrogen balance (Bio only)	
Hormones and human reproduction	
Contraception	
Plant hormone control and coordination (Bio only)	
RP – Effect of light on germinating seedlings	
Uses of plant hormones (Bio only)	

Inheritance

Sexual and asexual reproduction	
Advantages & disadvantages of sexual & asexual reproduction (Bio only)	
Meiosis	
DNA and the genome	
The structure of DNA (Bio only)	
Genetic inheritance	
Inherited disorders	
Sex determination	

Variation and Evolution

Variation	
Evolution	
Selective breeding	
Genetic engineering	
Cloning (Bio only)	
Theory of evolution (Bio only)	
Speciation (Bio only)	
Understanding of genetics (Bio only)	
Evidence for evolution	
Fossils	
Extinction	
Resistant bacteria	
Classification of living organisms	

Ecology

Communities	
Abiotic and biotic factors	
Adaptations	
Levels of organisation	
Cycling of materials	
Decomposition (Bio only)	
Impact of environmental change (Bio only)	
Biodiversity	
Waste management	
Land use	
Deforestation	

	Global warming	
	Maintaining biodiversity	
	Trophic levels (Bio only)	
	Pyramids of biomass (Bio only)	
	Transfer of biomass (Bio only)	
	Factors affecting food security (Bio only)	
	Farming techniques (Bio only)	
	Sustainable fisheries (Bio only)	
	Role of biotechnology (Bio only)	

Chemistry Paper 2		1hr 45	100 marks	50% of C
The Rate of Chemical Change				
	Calculating rates of reactions			
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	Reversible reaction and energy changes			
	Equilibrium			
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Organic Chemistry				
	Crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes			
	Fractional distillation and petrochemicals			
	Properties of hydrocarbons			
	Cracking and alkenes			
	Structure and formulae of alkenes (Chem only)			
	Reaction of alkenes (Chem only)			
	Alcohols (Chem only)			
	Carboxylic acids (Chem only)			
	Addition polymers (Chem only)			
	Condensation polymerisation (Chem only)			
	Amino acids, DNA and other natural polymers (Chem only)			
Chemical Analysis				
	Pure substances			
	Formulations			
	Chromatography			
	RP – Chromatography			
	Test for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and chlorine			
	Flame tests (Chem only)			
	Metal hydroxide, carbonates & sulphates (Chem only)			
	Instrumental methods (Chem only)			
	RP – Chemical analysis to identify ions			
	Flame emission spectroscopy (Chem only)			
Chemistry of the atmosphere				
	Proportion of gases in the atmosphere			
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	Global climate change			
	The carbon footprint			
	Atmospheric pollutants from fuels & effects			
Using Resources				
	Earth's resources and sustainable development			
	Potable water			
	RP – Analysing water samples			
	Waste water treatment			
	Alternative methods of extracting metals (HT)			
	Life cycle assessment			
	Ways of reducing the use of resources			
	Corrosion and its prevention (Chem only)			
	Alloys as useful materials (Chem only)			
	Ceramics, polymers and composites (Chem only)			
	The Haber process (Chem only)			
	Production and uses of NPK fertilisers (Chem only)			

Physics Paper 2**1hr 45****100 marks****50% of P****Forces**

Scalar and vector quantities

Contact and non-contact forces

Gravity

Resultant forces

Work done and energy transfers

Forces and elasticity

Moments, levers and gears (Physics only)

Pressure in fluids (Physics only)

Atmospheric pressure (Physics only)

Distance and displacement

Speed and velocity

Distance-time relationship

Acceleration

Newton's 3 laws of motion

Stopping distance

Reaction time

Factors affecting braking distance

Momentum (HT)

Conservation of momentum (HT)

Changes in momentum (Physics only)

Waves

Transverse and longitudinal waves

Properties of waves

Reflection of waves (Physics only)

RP – reflection & refraction of light

Sound waves (Physics only)

Waves for detection and exploration (Physics only)

Electromagnetic waves (properties and uses)

Lenses (Physics only)

Visible light (Physics only)

Emission and absorption of infrared radiation (Physics only)

Perfect black bodies and radiation (Physics only)

Magnetism and Electromagnetism

Poles of a magnet and magnetic fields

Electromagnetism

Fleming's left-hand rule

Electric motors (HT)

Loudspeakers (Physics only)

Induced potential (Physics only)

Uses of the generator effect (Physics only)

Microphones (Physics only)

Transformers (Physics only)

Space physics

Our solar system (Physics only)

The life cycle of stars (Physics only)

Orbital motion, natural and artificial satellites (Physics only)

Red-shift (Physics only)

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HIGHER – SEPARATE SCIENCES

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	Culturing microorganisms	
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	Diffusion	
	Osmosis	
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	Active transport	
Organisation		
	Cells, tissues and organs	
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	RP – Food tests	
	The heart and blood vessels	
	Blood	
	Heart diseases and health issues	
	Non-communicable diseases and causes	
	Cancer	
	Plant tissues and organs	
Infection and response		
	Communicable diseases	
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	Human defences	
	Vaccinations	
	Antibiotics and pain killers	
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	Production and uses of monoclonal antibodies (Bio only)	
	Plant defence responses	
Bioenergetics		
	Photosynthesis	
	Rate of photosynthesis	
	Uses of glucose from photosynthesis	
	Aerobic and anaerobic respiration	
	Responses to exercise	
	Metabolism	

Chemistry Paper 1	1hr 45	100 marks	50% of C
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Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table			
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	Atoms, elements and compounds	
	Mixtures	
	Developing the model of the atom	
	Relative charges of sub-atomic particles	
	Size and mass of atoms	
	Relative atomic mass	
	Electronic structure	
	The periodic table	
	The development of the periodic table	
	Metals and non-metals	
	Properties of group 1, 7 and 0	
	Transition metals properties (Chem only)	
	Transition comparison with group 1 metals (Chem only)	

Bonding, structure and property of matter			
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	Chemical bonds	
	Ionic bonding and ionic compounds	
	Covalent bonding	
	Giant covalent structures (including diamond, graphite, graphene and fullerenes)	
	Nanoparticles (size, properties and uses) (Chem only)	
	Metallic bonding	
	States of matter and state symbols	
	Properties of small molecules	
	Polymers	
	Properties of metals and alloys	

Quantitative chemistry			
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	Conservation of mass	
	Relative formula mass	
	Mass changes during a reaction	
	Chemical measurements	
	Calculating moles and moles in equations (HT)	
	Amounts of substances in equations (HT)	
	Limiting reactants (HT)	
	Concentrations of solutions	
	Percentage yield (Chem only)	
	Atom economy (Chem only)	
	Using concentrations of solution (Chem only)	
	Amount of substances in relation to volumes of gases (Chem only)	

Chemical Changes		
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	Metal oxides	
	The reactivity series	
	Extraction of metals	
	Oxidation and reduction (electrons) (HT)	
	Reactions of acids with metals	
	Neutralisation of acids and salt production	
	RP – making a salt from acid and insoluble base	
	Soluble salts	

	Titration (Chem only)	
	RP – determine reacting volumes of acids & alkalis by titration	
	Strong and weak acids (HT)	
	Electrolysis (ionic compounds, extraction of metals, aqueous solutions)	
	Electrolysis: half equations at electrodes (HT)	
Energy Changes		
	Energy transfers in endothermic and exothermic reactions	
	Reaction profiles	
	Energy changes of reactions (HT)	
	RP – Investigating temperature changes in reactions	
	Chemical cells and batteries (Chem only)	
	Fuel cells (Chem only)	

Energy

- Energy stores and systems
- Changes in energy (including in systems)
- Power
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- RP – materials as thermal insulators**
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- Direct and alternating potential difference
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- Energy transfers in everyday appliances
- The national grid
- Static charge (Physics only)
- Electric fields (Physics only)

Particle Model of Matter

- Density of materials
- RP – measuring the density of regular and irregular objects**
- Changes of state
- Internal energy
- Temperature changes in a system and specific heat capacity
- Changes of heat and specific latent heat
- Particle motion in gases
- Pressure in gases (Physics only)
- Increasing the pressure of a gas (Physics only)

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- Nuclear equations
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- Radioactive contamination
- Background radiation (Physics only)
- Different half-lives of radioactive isotopes (Physics only)
- Uses of nuclear radiation (Physics only)
- Nuclear fission (Physics only)
- Nuclear fusion (Physics only)

Biology Paper 2**1hr 45****100 marks****50% of B****Homeostasis and response**

Homeostasis

The nervous system

The brain (Bio only)

The eye (Bio only)

Control of body temperature

Human endocrine system

Controlling blood glucose concentration

Maintaining water and nitrogen balance (Bio only)

Hormones and human reproduction

Contraception

Infertility and treatment

Negative feedback (HT)

Plant hormone control and coordination (Bio only)

RP - Effect of light on newly germinating seeds (Bio only)

Uses of plant hormones (Bio only)

Inheritance

Sexual and asexual reproduction

Advantages & disadvantages of sexual & asexual reproduction (Bio only)

Meiosis

DNA and the genome

The structure of DNA (Bio only)

Genetic inheritance

Inherited disorders

Sex determination

Variation and Evolution

Variation

Evolution

Selective breeding

Genetic engineering

Cloning (Bio only)

Theory of evolution (Bio only)

Speciation (Bio only)

Understanding of genetics (Bio only)

Evidence for evolution

Fossils

Extinction

Resistant bacteria

Classification of living organisms

Ecology

Communities

Abiotic and biotic factors

Adaptations

Levels of organisation

RP – Sampling techniques to measure population sizes

Cycling of materials

Decomposition (Bio only)

Impact of environmental change (Bio only)

Biodiversity

Waste management

Land use

Deforestation

	Global warming	
	Maintaining biodiversity	
	Trophic levels (Bio only)	
	Pyramids of biomass (Bio only)	
	Transfer of biomass (Bio only)	
	Factors affecting food security (Bio only)	
	Farming techniques (Bio only)	
	Sustainable fisheries (Bio only)	
	Role of biotechnology (Bio only)	

Chemistry Paper 2**1hr 45****100 marks****50% of C****The Rate of Chemical Change**

Calculating rates of reactions	
Factors affecting rates of reactions (including catalysts)	
RP – Rates of chemical reactions	
Collision theory and activation energy	
Reversible reaction and energy changes	
Equilibrium	
Changing conditions equilibrium (temp,pressure,conc) (HT)	

Organic Chemistry

Crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes	
Fractional distillation and petrochemicals	
Properties of hydrocarbons	
Cracking and alkenes	
Structure and formulae of alkenes (Chem only)	
Reaction of alkenes (Chem only)	
Alcohols (Chem only)	
Carboxylic acids (Chem only)	
Addition polymers (Chem only)	
Condensation polymerisation (Chem only)	
Amino acids (Chem only)	
DNA and other natural polymers (Chem only)	

Chemical Analysis

Pure substances	
Formulations	
Chromatography	
Test for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and chlorine	
Flame tests (Chem only)	
Metal hydroxides, Carbonates & Sulphates (Chem only)	
RP – Chemical analysis tests	
Instrumental methods (Chem only)	
Flame emission spectroscopy (Chem only)	

Chemistry of the atmosphere

Proportion of gases in the atmosphere	
Earth's early atmosphere and changes in O ₂ and CO ₂	
Greenhouse gases and the effects of human activity	
Global climate change	
The carbon footprint	
Atmospheric pollutants from fuels & their effects	

Using Resources

Earth's resources and sustainable development	
Potable water	
Waste water treatment	
Alternative methods of extracting metals (HT)	
Life cycle assessment	
Ways of reducing the use of resources	
Corrosion and its prevention (Chem only)	
Alloys as useful materials (Chem only)	
Ceramics, polymers and composites (Chem only)	
The Haber process (Chem only)	
Production and uses of NPK fertilisers (Chem only)	

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Scalar and vector quantities	
Contact and non-contact forces	
Gravity	
Resultant forces	
Work done and energy transfers	
Forces and elasticity	
Moments, levers and gears (Physics only)	
Pressure in fluids (Physics only)	
Atmospheric pressure (Physics only)	
Distance and displacement	
Speed and velocity	
Distance-time relationship	
Acceleration	
Newton's 3 laws of motion	
Stopping distance	
Reaction time	
Factors affecting braking distance	
Momentum (HT)	
Conservation of momentum (HT)	
Changes in momentum (Physics only)	

Waves

Transverse and longitudinal waves	
Properties of waves	
RP – waves investigation (ripple tank and string)	
Reflection of waves (Physics only)	
RP – reflection & refraction of light	
Sound waves (Physics only)	
Waves for detection and exploration (Physics only)	
Electromagnetic waves (properties and uses)	
Lenses (Physics only)	
Visible light (Physics only)	
Emission and absorption of infrared radiation (Physics only)	
Perfect black bodies and radiation (Physics only)	

Magnetism and Electromagnetism

Poles of a magnet and magnetic fields	
Electromagnetism	
Fleming's left-hand rule	
Electric motors (HT)	
Loudspeakers (Physics only)	
Induced potential (Physics only)	
Uses of the generator effect (Physics only)	
Microphones (Physics only)	
Transformers (Physics only)	

Space physics

Our solar system (Physics only)	
The life cycle of stars (Physics only)	
Orbital motion, natural and artificial satellites (Physics only)	
Red-shift (Physics only)	