

Chemistry

Course Overview

A level chemistry has changed from modular to linear assessment. 20% of the A level marks require the use of higher GCSE maths skills. All of the assessment for the A level will come from 3 external examinations at the end of Year 13.

Entry Requirements

- 7 recommended in all science subjects taken at GCSE, with a 7 recommended in Maths
- Minimum 6 grades in core and additional science, 6 in Maths and English
- Minimum 6 grades in Biology in all science subjects

You must have maturity, self-discipline, good study skills and the motivation to succeed.

A-Level Year 1

Physical Chemistry

Including atomic structure, amount of substance, bonding, energetics, kinetics, chemical equilibria and le Chatelliers.

Inorganic Chemistry

Including periodicity, group 2 the alkaline earth metals, group 7, the halogens.

Organic Chemistry.

Including introduction to organic chemistry, alkanes, halogenoalkanes, alkenes, alcohols and organic analysis.

A-Level Year 2

Physical Chemistry

Including thermodynamics, rate equations, equilibrium constant (K_c) for homogenous systems, electrode potentials and electrochemical cells.

Inorganic Chemistry

Including properties of period 3 elements and their oxides, transition metals and reactions of ions in aqueous solution.

Organic Chemistry

Including optical isomerism, aldehydes and ketones, carboxylic acids and their derivatives, aromatic chemistry, amines, polymers, amino acids, proteins and DNA, organic synthesis, NMR spectroscopy, chromatography.

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