



GCSE Revision - Science

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GCSE Revision

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- Revision Resources
- How you can help
- Exam Structure
- Tiering - Foundation vs Higher
- 'New' Grading System



The Revision Decision

To Revise

- I'll do better in my exams
- I'll get mum / dad / teacher off my back

To Not Revise

- It's boring
- It's hard
- It's uncomfortable
- I might find out how little I know
- I'll start tomorrow
- I might not be able to do it
- It gives me an excuse for failing
- It's not cool
- I'll just check my phone / laptop / what's on TV / make a cup of tea
- I don't know how
- Corrie's on
- There's plenty of time
- There's not enough time
- No-one else is



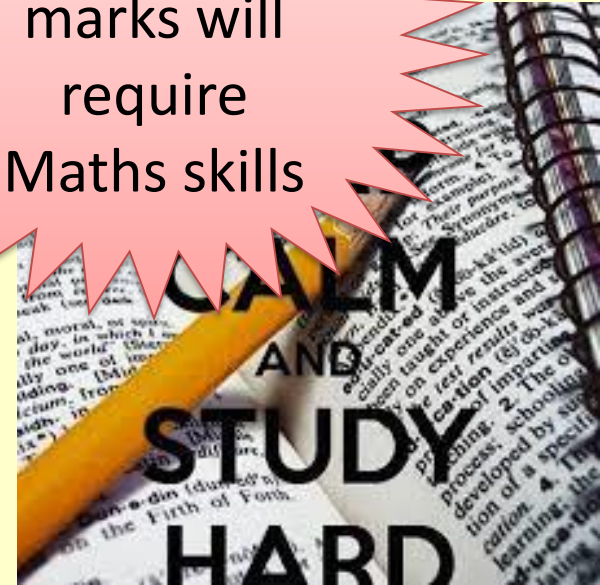
The Purpose of Revision....

....depends on where they are....
and where they want to get to.....

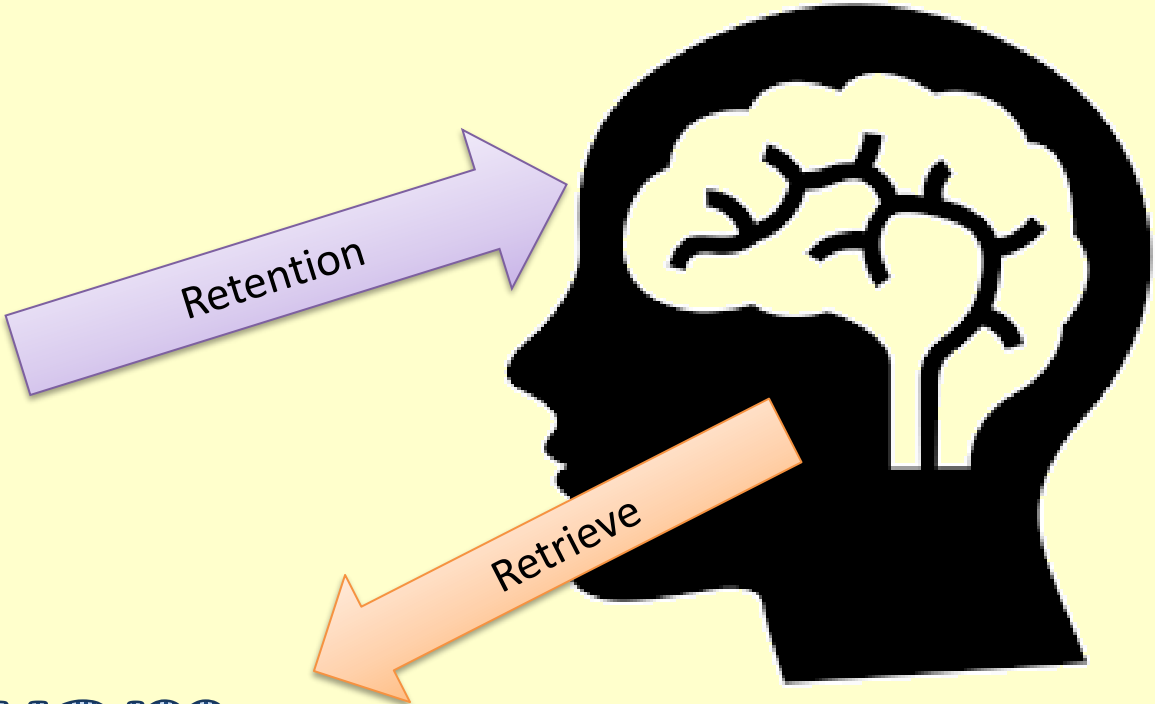
What % of the marks come from recall of facts?
What % involves maths?

- 15% Fact recall
- 25% Explain using scientific knowledge
- 40% Application of scientific knowledge and ideas
- 20% Analysis, interpretation & evaluation

30% of marks will require Maths skills

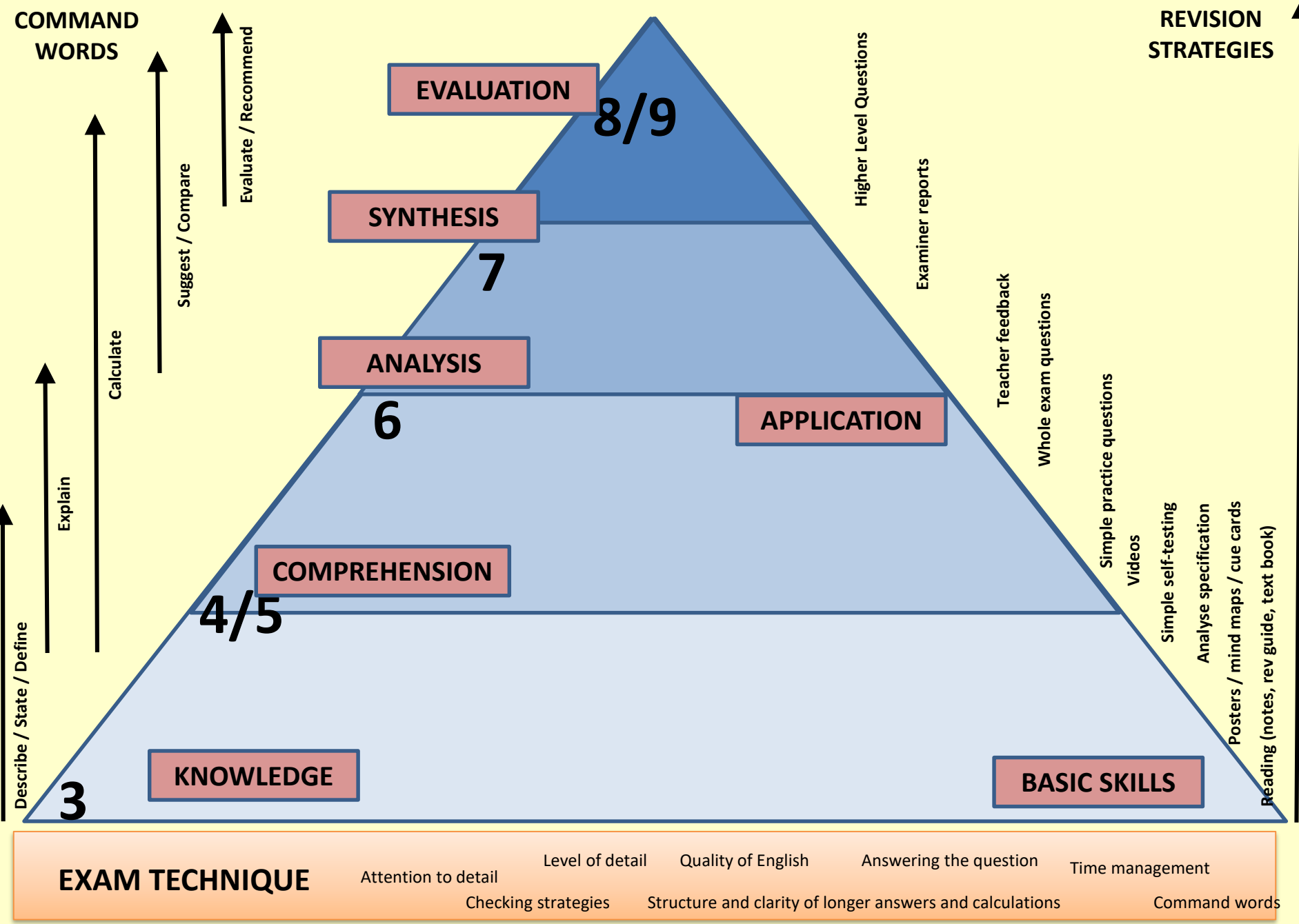


Content



Exam





COMMAND WORDS

REVISION STRATEGIES

EVALUATION

8/9

SYNTHESIS

7

ANALYSIS

6

APPLICATION

COMPREHENSION

4/5

KNOWLEDGE

3

BASIC SKILLS

EXAM TECHNIQUE

Attention to detail

Level of detail

Quality of English

Answering the question

Time management

Checking strategies

Structure and clarity of longer answers and calculations

Command words

Evaluate / Recommend

Suggest / Compare

Calculate

Explain

Describe / State / Define

Higher Level Questions

Examiner reports

Teacher feedback

Whole exam questions

Simple practice questions

Videos

Simple self-testing

Analyse specification

Posters / mind maps / cue cards

Reading (notes, rev guide, text book)

Revision Strategies

- Reading
- Posters / mindmaps / cue cards
- Analyse specification
- Simple self-testing
- Videos
- Simple practice questions
- Whole exam questions
- Timed past papers
- Examiner reports
- High Level Questions

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C20EvKtdJwQ>

Useful way to use flash cards

Posters/mindmaps can be used more effectively by giving your child a blank piece of paper and asking them to write down everything they know as a 'brain dump'. This can then be compared against the original mindmap and help with retrieval



Science Revision Resources

- Exercise books
- Educake*
- BBC Bitesize / Other revision websites
- Youtube
 - Christopher Thornton
 - myGCSEScience
 - FreeScienceLessons
 - Primrose Kitten
 - Cognito
- Revision Guides / Workbooks
- AQA website (specification and past papers / mark schemes / examiner reports)
- Past papers from school
- Apps (CGP / Gojimo / quizlet)
- Seneca Learning
- Exam Questions by topic and level

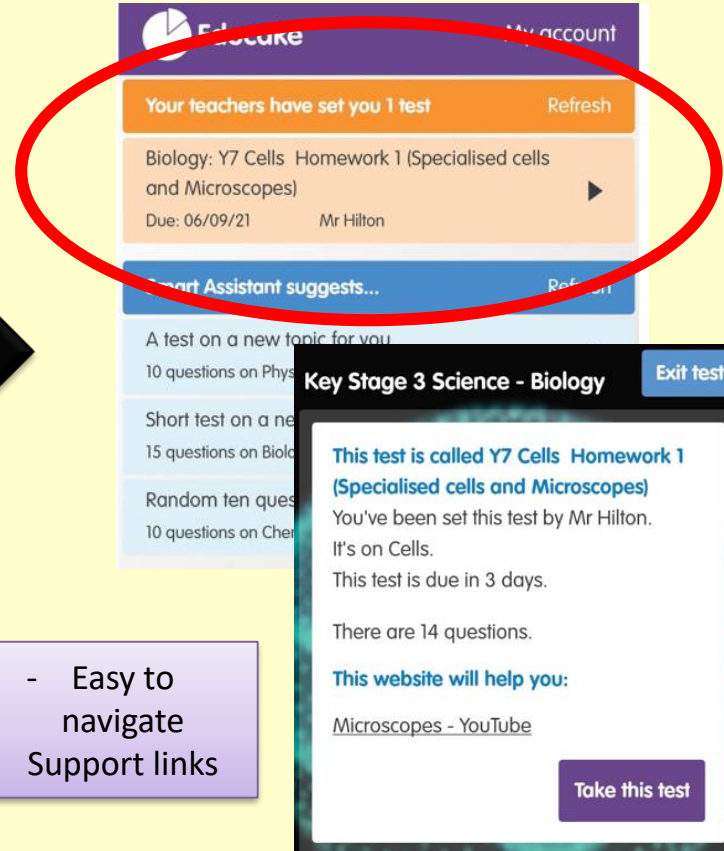
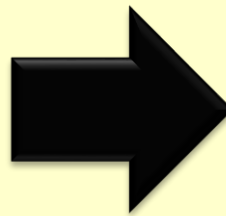


Student Experience – Via the app



Log-in
Usernames of this format traceyh0002

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In the diagram of a root hair cell, which number shows an adaptation for absorbing water?

4

3

2

1

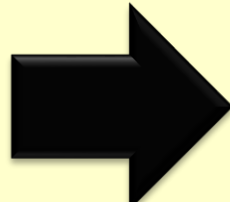
3 of 14 2/100%

Look at the diagram. What type of plant cell is shown by number 3?

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Submit

- Not just MCQs
- Monitor progress
- Allows some sp errors



1 of 14 0/0%

In the diagram of a root hair cell, which number shows an adaptation for absorbing water?

✓ "1" is RIGHT

Disagree

5 of 14 4/100%

Look at the diagram. What type of cell is shown by number 5?

X "leaf" is WRONG

The right answer is "root hair cell" or "root"

Disagree

Next question

Educake will be used by teachers to set HW quizzes. But the app will track how students progress and then they can choose to revise the sections that they struggled with and set themselves heir own quizzes.



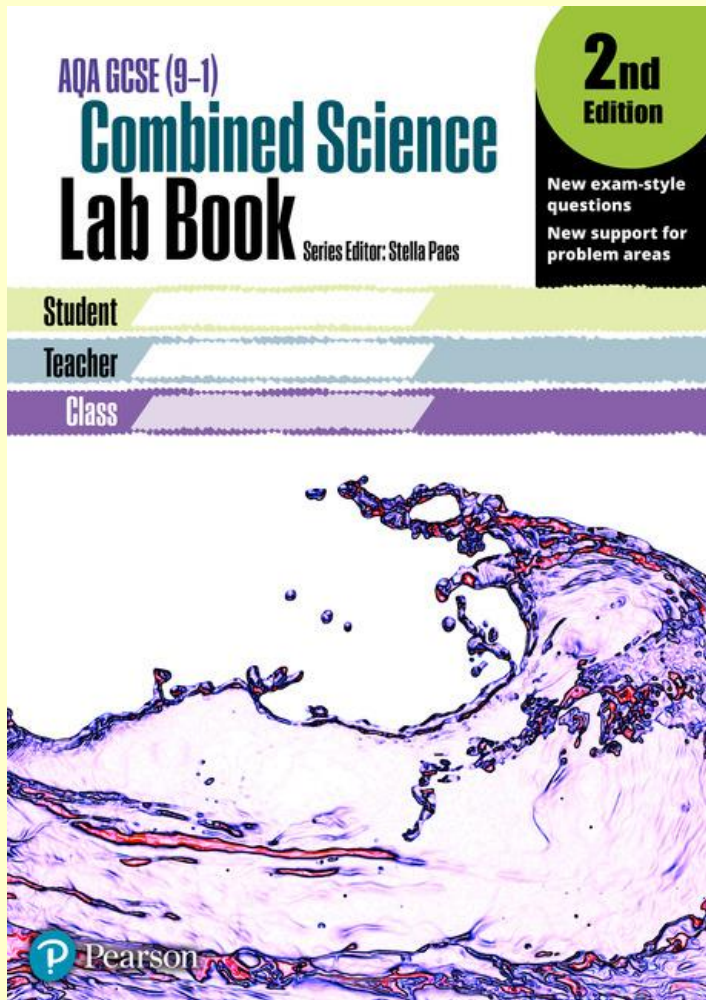
How can you help?

Talk to your child and see how they would like you to support them

- Get organised – files/ post-its/ highlighters!!
- Purchase revision guides / workbooks / past paper books
- Plan a revision timetable
- Have a quiet and peaceful work environment
- Keep things in perspective



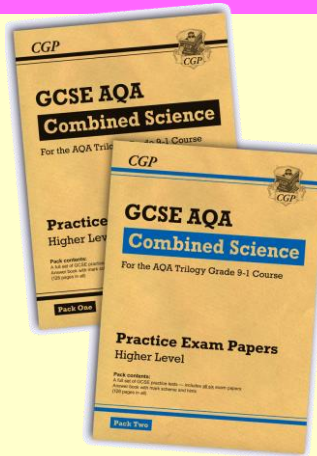
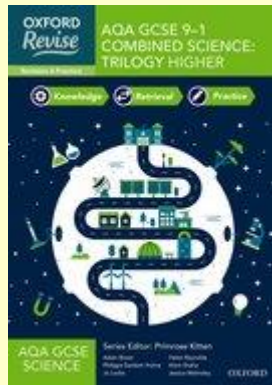
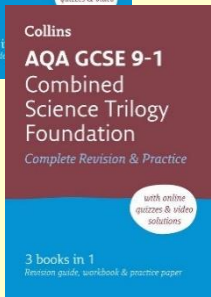
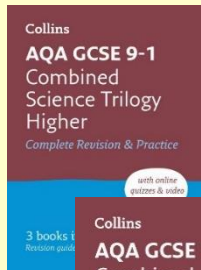
Required Practical Questions



These lab books will be kept in school and will be used to complete work about the required practicals. This lab book will then be sent home near the end of Y11 for students to use as revision (it also includes exam style Qs)



Available for students taking Combined Science



Practice Papers
(Higher & Foundation)
Covers the 2 year course
4 practice papers for each exam you will sit.
Answers included
£6
Y10 & Y11

Revision Practice all-in-1 book
(Higher or Foundation)
Covers the 2 year course
Revision, Qs, Answers
£10
Y10 & Y11



Flashcards
Covers the 2 year course
£9
Y10 & Y11



Available for students taking Triple Science

Revision Practice all-in-1 book

Covers the 2 year course
Revision, Qs, Answers
Bundle

Biology, Chemistry, Physics
£13.50
Y10 & Y11

Practice Paper Pack

Covers the 2 year course,
covers Bio/Chem/Phys
2 practice papers for each
exam you will sit. Answers
included
£11
Y11 ONLY

Flashcards

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£14
Y10 & Y11

Collins
**AQA GCSE 9-1
Chemistry**
Complete Revision & Practice

Collins
**AQA GCSE 9-1
Physics**
Complete Revision & Practice

3 books in 1
Revision guide, workbook & practice paper

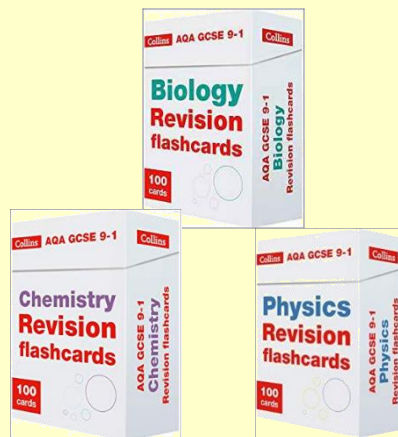
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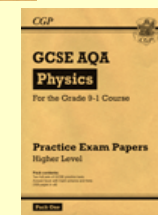
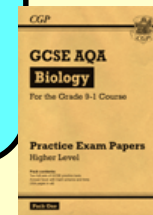
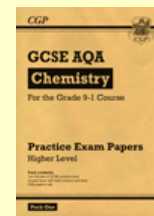
3 books in 1
Revision guide, workbook & practice paper

with online
quizzes & audio
solutions



Collins
**AQA GCSE 9-1
Physics
Foundation**
Practice Papers

2 complete sets of exam-style tests



Exam Timetable

- 6 exams, 2 Biology, 2 Chemistry, 2 Physics
- Content
 - Paper 1 – mainly Year 10,
 - Paper 2 – Year 11
- Combined Science – 1h 15 mins
- Triple Science – 1h 45 mins
- Trial exams – paper 1 only, start Nov
- Paper 2 mock in March / April
- Actual exams – May / June

Exams 2022 – There were several changes to the structure of the exams due to COVID. No changes are being made to the 2023 exams



New Grading System – Triple Science

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|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| New Grade | 9 | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | U |
| Old Grade | A* | | A | B | Low B / High C | Low C | D | E | F | U |

Students doing Triple Science will get a separate grade for Biology, Chemistry and Physics



New Grading System – Combined Science

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| New Grade | 99, 98 | 88, 87 | 77, 76 | 66, 65 | 55, 54 | 44, 43 | 33, 32 | 22, 21 | 11 | U |
| Old Grade | A* | | A | B | Low B / High C | Low C | D | E | F | U |

Students doing combined science will get marks from all their papers and these marks all get added to a 'bucket'. The more marks you get in this bucket the higher the grade



Foundation vs Higher Tier?

- Each student will be entered for either the Foundation or Higher tier paper
- Foundation:
 - 60% lower demand, 40% standard demand
 - Grades 1-1 to 5-5 available
 - Doesn't include some of the more difficult content so more time to focus on the basics
- Higher:
 - 40% standard demand questions, 60% higher demand
 - Grades 4-3 to 9-9 available
- Teachers will recommend based upon performance in Y10 exams. We want the Y11 trial exam to be of the same tier as the summer series, as much as possible



