

# GCSE Sciences - Overview



## GCSE Combined Science

### Biology

Biology Paper 1  
1hr 15min exam  
70 marks (16.7%  
of GCSE)

Biology Paper 2  
1hr 15min exam  
70 marks (16.7%  
of GCSE)

### Chemistry

Chemistry Paper 1  
1hr 15min exam  
70 marks (16.7%  
of GCSE)

Chemistry Paper 2  
1hr 15min exam  
70 marks (16.7%  
of GCSE)

### Physics

Physics Paper 1  
1hr 15min exam  
70 marks (16.7%  
of GCSE)

Physics Paper 2  
1hr 15min exam  
70 marks (16.7%  
of GCSE)

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## GCSE Separate Sciences

### Biology

Biology Paper 1  
1hr 45min exam  
100 marks (50%  
of GCSE)

Biology Paper 2  
1hr 45min exam  
100 marks (50%  
of GCSE)

### Chemistry

Chemistry Paper 1  
1hr 45min exam  
100 marks (50%  
of GCSE)

Chemistry Paper 2  
1hr 45min exam  
100 marks (50%  
of GCSE)

### Physics

Physics Paper 1  
1hr 45min exam  
100 marks (50%  
of GCSE)

Physics Paper 2  
1hr 45min exam  
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## Biology

### Biology Paper 1:

Cell Biology  
Organisation  
Infection and Response  
Bioenergetics

### Biology Paper 2:

Homeostasis  
Genes and Inheritance  
Ecology

## Chemistry

### Chemistry Paper 1:

Atomic Structure  
Bonding and Properties  
Quantitative Chemistry  
Chemical Changes  
Energy Changes

### Chemistry Paper 2:

Rates of Reaction  
Organic Chemistry  
Chemical Analysis  
The Atmosphere  
Using Earth's Resources

## Physics

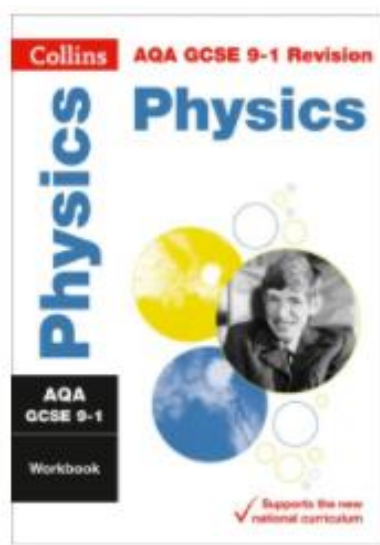
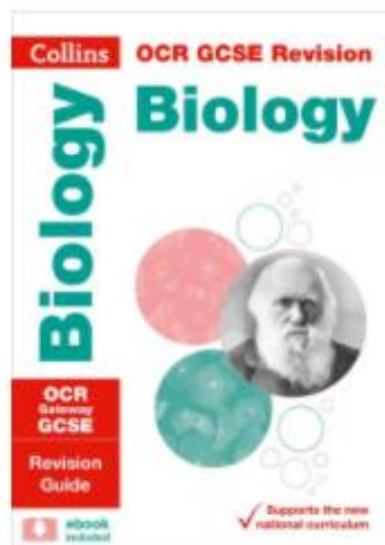
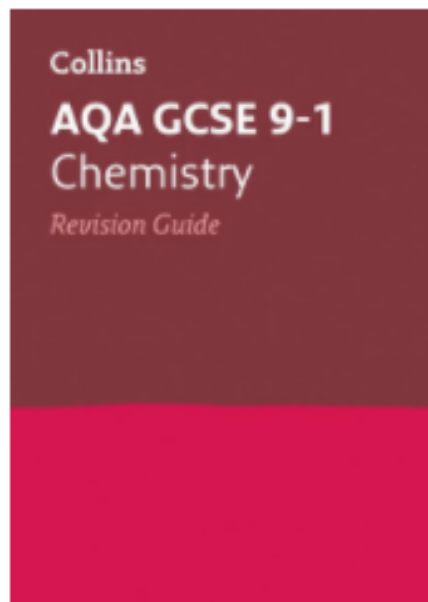
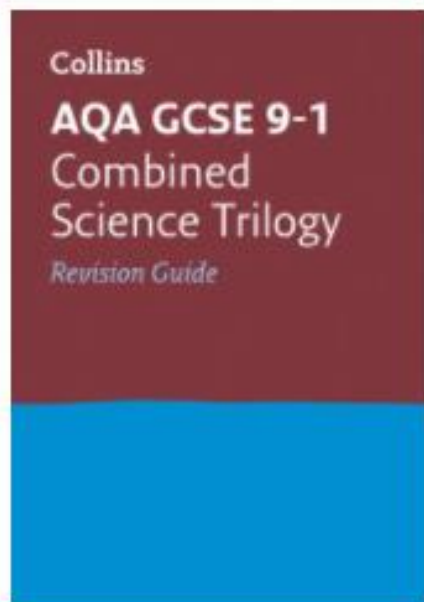
### Physics Paper 1:

Energy  
Electricity  
Particle Model of Matter  
Atomic Structure

### Physics Paper 2:

Forces  
Waves  
Electromagnetism  
Space (Triple Only)

# Revision Schedule



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### Year 11 Science Revision Schedule

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As I am sure you agree, the last couple of academic years have been really tough on our students and they have unfortunately missed a lot of their education. In science, the biggest challenge we face is the large volume of knowledge that students need to remember and be able to recall. In order to support our students and their parents/guardians with this, we have prepared a weekly revision schedule for science. We have had great success with this in the past in both our GCSE courses and our A-level courses.

Following on from this letter is a schedule which shows what we would like your son to complete each week. Each week, your son is given specific page numbers for his revision guide. If he does not have a revision guide, he can purchase one from his science teacher for £4 and this will be invaluable in supporting him with revision and in class during his studies towards all of his science exams.

These revision tasks should be completed before your sons Friday science lesson. At the start of your sons Friday science lesson, there will be a short knowledge retrieval quiz which will mostly test the topic which he should have revised that week. A short part of the quiz will test topics previously revised to help students retain this knowledge for as long as possible. This will not only promote knowledge retention but will also give us information about your son's revision habits which we can communicate with you. Where we have seen the most success with this in the past, is when parents fully engage and display the list in the house, ensuring and checking their son is completing these revision tasks.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at [j.shillcock@cardinal-heenan.org.uk](mailto:j.shillcock@cardinal-heenan.org.uk) or by phoning the school landline.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr. J. Shillcock  
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### Year 11 Science Revision Schedule 2021/22 – Half-term 1

Each week your son should complete these revision tasks before his Friday lesson. They should take approximately an hour. The task involves studying the given page numbers from his revision guide. There may also be useful short videos on [www.freesciencelessons.co.uk](http://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk). He will have a short test in his Friday lesson to see how much he has remembered.

Week Number	Week Beginning	Task
1	13/09/21	<b>Biology Paper 1</b> Cell Structure - pg 16 Investigating Cells - pg 18
2	20/09/21	<b>Chemistry Paper 1</b> Atoms, elements, compounds and mixtures - pg 88
3	27/09/21	<b>Physics Paper 1</b> Energy stores and transfers - pg 170 Energy transfers and resources - pg 172
4	04/10/21	<b>Biology Paper 1</b> Cell division - pg 20 Transport in and out of cells - pg 22
5	11/10/21	<b>Chemistry Paper 1</b> Atoms and periodic table - pg 90 The periodic table - pg 92
6	18/10/21	<b>Physics Paper 1</b> Introduction to electricity - pg 188 Circuits and resistance - pg 190 Circuits and power - pg 192

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1	13/09/21	<b><u>Biology Paper 1</u></b> Cell Structure - pg 8 Investigating Cells - pg 10
2	20/09/21	<b><u>Chemistry Paper 1</u></b> Atoms, elements, compounds and mixtures - pg 8
3	27/09/21	<b><u>Physics Paper 1</u></b> Energy stores and transfers - pg 26 Energy transfers and resources - pg 28
4	04/10/21	<b><u>Biology Paper 1</u></b> Cell division - pg 12 Transport in and out of cells - pg 14
5	11/10/21	<b><u>Chemistry Paper 1</u></b> Atoms and periodic table - pg 12 The transition metals - pg 13
6	18/10/21	<b><u>Physics Paper 1</u></b> Introduction to electricity - pg 54 Circuits and resistance - pg 56 Circuits and power - pg 58 Electrical charges and fields - pg 64



# Revision Schedule



Consolidation Prior Learning - GCSE Revision Physics Paper 1	
Topics: States of matter	
1	Describe the particles in solids
2	Describe the particles in liquids
3	State symbols for each substance in a chemical reaction. What do they mean?
4	Describe the changes of state
5	Complete the definition of an ion
6	What charge do ions have? Give examples
7	What charge do ions have? Fluorine
8	What word describes the attraction between charged ions?
9	Why do ionic compounds conduct electricity?
10	Why do ionic compounds have high melting points? (2 mark exam question)

Consolidation Prior Learning - GCSE Revision Physics Paper 1	
Topics: Atoms and the Periodic Table : pg 90 The Periodic Table - pg 92	
1	Name two subatomic particles that exist in the nucleus. <i>Protons Neutrons</i> ✓
2	Which scientist deduced that the electrons orbit the nucleus? Bohr X
3	Explain why atoms have no overall charge. <i>They have an equal number of protons and electrons</i> ✓
4	Work out the number of protons, neutrons and electrons for a sodium atom 23 Na 11 <i>Protons - 11 Neutrons - 12 Electrons - 11</i> ✓
5	Complete the definition <i>Isotopes</i> are atoms of the same element that have the same number of protons but different number of <i>Neutrons</i> ✓
6	The electrons exist in shells. Complete the electron configuration for sodium. Sodium has 11 electrons <i>First shell holds 2 electrons Second shell holds 8 electrons Third shell holds 1 electron</i> ✓
7	Which scientist left gaps in the periodic table for elements that had not yet been discovered? <i>Rutherford Ernest Rutherford</i> X
8	Group 1 metals are known as the alkali metals. Complete the word equation <i>Potassium + water → Potassium Hydroxide + Hydrogen</i> ✓
9	Give one property of group 1 metals <i>One electron in the outer shell</i> ✓
10	<b>Challenge</b> - Chlorine is more reactive than bromine. Write a word equation to show how chlorine will displace bromine from its salt - potassium bromide <i>potassium bromide + Chlorine → Potassium Chloride + Bromine</i> ✓

Consolidation Prior Learning - GCSE Revision Chemistry Paper 1	
Topics: States of matter - pg 94-95 and Ionic compounds - pg 96-97	
1	Describe the <b>arrangement</b> of particles in solids, liquids and gases <i>Solids organised, close together Liquids irregular, still touching (vibrating) Gases randomly moving, not touching</i>
2	Describe the <b>movement</b> of particles in solids, liquids and gases <i>Solids vibrate about fixed position Liquids move around each other Gases move quickly in all directions</i>
3	State symbols show us the state of each substance in a chemical reaction. What do these symbols mean? (s) <i>Solid</i> (l) <i>liquid</i> (g) <i>gas</i> (aq) <i>aqueous</i> ✓
4	Describe these changes of state Liquid to gas = <i>Evaporation</i> Gas to liquid = <i>Condensation</i> ✓ Solid to gas = <i>Sublimation</i>
5	Complete the sentence Atoms that have gained or lost electrons are called <i>ions</i> ✓
6	What charge would a calcium ion have? Sodium is in group 2 <i>Positive + Ca<sup>2+</sup></i>
7	What charge would a fluoride ion have? Fluorine is in group 7 <i>Negative - F<sup>-</sup></i>
8	What word describes the strong attraction between oppositely charged ions? <i>ionic bonding</i> X
9	Why do ionic compounds not conduct electricity in solid form? <i>Hint - it is not because of the electrons. This is because there is no movement. So it is unable to carry a charge, can't release energy enough movement.</i> X
10	Why do ionic compounds have high melting points? (2 mark exam questions) <i>• Strong intermolecular forces. • Lots of intermolecular forces.</i> X

# Mock Exams



## Combined Science:

- Physics Paper 1 Full Paper

## Separate Science:

- Chemistry Paper 1 Full Paper
- Physics Paper 1 Full Paper



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### Physics Paper 1 Mock Exam Revision Checklist – H

You will complete a Physics Paper 1 exam on WB Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021.  
Topics Assessed in Physics Paper 1 are: Energy, Electricity, Particle Model of Matter, Atomic Structure.  
Use the following checklist and your revision guide to help you prepare and revise. Useful videos might also be found here - <https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/videos>

Please note that this is not the only content that will be assessed. Tick each topic once you have revised and practiced exam questions for it:

Overall Topic: Energy – pages 170-173		<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Topic: Electricity – pages 188-197		<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Topic: Particle Model of Matter – pages 210-211		<input type="checkbox"/>
Overall Topic: Atomic Structure – pages 212-217		<input type="checkbox"/>
Q1	<b>Particle model of matter.</b> Can you explain the motion of particles and why this changes with temperature? Can you calculate mass when given information about energy and specific latent heat of fusion? Pages 210-211  Do you understand the difference between arrangement and movement and can you explain how particles may change their arrangement and movement when temperature changes? Pages 210-211	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q2	<b>Plugs and cables.</b> Do you know what the different wires in a plug are called, their colour, what they do and which pin they are connected to? Pages 194-195  Do you understand the safety features of electricity including a fuse and an earth wire and how they keep users safe? Pages 194-195	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q3	<b>Electrical circuits and resistance.</b> Do you know the difference between a series and parallel circuit and know how current, potential difference and resistance all differ between series and parallel circuits? Pages 192-193 Can you explain what resistance is, how it affects current and name the type of relationship between current and potential difference in a fixed resistor at constant temperature? Pages 190-191 Can you recall the equation for resistance, potential difference and current? Can you use it to calculate the resistance of a component when given the current and potential difference? Pages 188-189	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Q4	<b>Atomic structure and radioactive decay.</b> Do you understand how an atom is structured? Can you state the number of each subatomic particle from the periodic table or an equation? Pages 212-213  Can you write and interpret equations for radioactive decay? Can you explain the difference in the properties of alpha, beta and gamma radiation? Pages 214-215	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q5	<b>Power and specific heat capacity.</b> Can you explain why temperature increases when there is resistance? Pages 190-191 Can you use the equation for calculating energy released when given information about power and time? Pages 194-195 Can you use the equation for thermal energy change to calculate specific heat capacity when given information about mass, and temperature change after calculating energy transferred? Pages 170-171	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q6	<b>Half-life and radioactive decay.</b> Can you calculate the number of half-lives when given information about the start and end activity? What is the link between half-life and stability? Pages 216-217	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q7	<b>Elastic potential energy.</b> Can you explain why something that stretches more would be able to bounce higher in regards to elastic potential energy and GPE? Pages 160-161 and 170-171  Can you calculate simple percentages?  Can you calculate the spring constant of an object when given information about the amount of energy transferred and the extension (final length – initial length)? Pages 170-171	<input type="checkbox"/>

# Any Questions



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