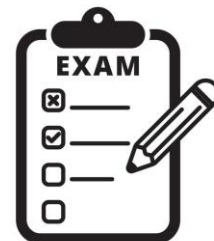


Year 11 Science – GCSE Success 2026

Exams: AQA Combined or Separate Science

Most students study **Combined Science**.

- Students sit six examination papers.
- The qualification awards **two GCSE grades**.
- Grades are reported as combined outcomes, for example: **5-5, 6-5 or 7-7**.



Some students study **Separate Science**.

- Students sit six examination papers.
- Students receive **three separate GCSE grades**:
 - GCSE Biology
 - GCSE Chemistry
 - GCSE Physics

Exams at a Glance: see below for what is assessed in each exam

Subject	Paper 1	Paper 2
 Biology	Date: 11th May 2027	Date: 10th June 2026
	Topics • Cell biology • Organisation • Infection & response • Bioenergetics	Topics • Homeostasis • Inheritance • Ecology
 Chemistry	Date: 17th May 2027	Date: 15th June 2027
	Topics • Atomic structure & periodic table • Bonding • Quantitative chemistry • Chemical changes • Energy changes	Topics • Rate & extent • Organic chemistry • Chemical analysis • Earth's resources
	Date: 25th May 2027	Date: 18th June 2026

 Physics	Topics • Energy • Electricity • Particle model • Atomic structure	Topics • Forces • Waves • Magnetism & electromagnetism • Space (separate only)
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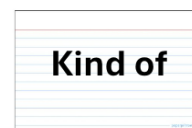
How to Revise Science

Research shows that the most effective revision involves **actively recalling information**, rather than simply rereading notes.

Students who attended the Science Curriculum PD Day will already be familiar with these revision techniques and will have practiced how to use them effectively.

Students should:

- ☐ Use **RAG sheets** (issued by teacher) to identify weak areas
- ☐ **Test** themselves regularly using **flashcards** and self-quizzing.
 - Using the three-pile method: **Know it, Kind of, Don't Know** – revisiting those they are weakest at
- ☐ Revisit topics **multiple times** over several weeks
 - Use **Knowledge organisers** or **GCSE bitesize** to make flashcards (question one side, answer the other)
- ☐ Complete **past paper questions** and use mark schemes to check answers.
- ☐ Focus on understanding **mistakes** and **improving** weak areas.



Remember: **little and often** is far more effective than leaving revision until the last few weeks

Useful Resources

GCSE Bitesize	Contains relevant knowledge for students to use for revision (free) 
Sparx Science	Quizzes students and corrects them with relevant information. Learns what they need to improve on and helps them build this 
MME Science Past Papers	Contains AQA past papers with mark schemes students can use to practice exam technique 
CGP Knowledge organiser	Contains all information needed for exams and available on Parent Pay • £5.75 on for combined • £3.25 per subject for separate 
CGP Knowledge Retriever (and organiser bundle)	Contains the information from knowledge organiser but with a book for testing students too • Bundle is £8 for combined • Bundle is £4.50 per subject for separate 

RAG sheets

B2:
[Combined](#) and [Separate](#)

C1:
[Combined](#) and [Separate](#)

Use these to identify weak areas

The current focus is **B2 and C1** ready for Nov mock

More to be shared after mocks

C1. Atomic Structure & The Periodic Table	Correct?	RAG 1
Q1a: I can describe the structure of an atom.	Y	Green
Q1a: I can identify protons, neutrons, and electrons.	N	Yellow
Q1b: I can calculate numbers of protons, neutrons, and electrons.	N	Red