



**Y11 Learning Journey 2025-2026. Subject: Biology GCSE**

Exam Requirements: Your GCSE in Biology, Triple Award is structured, and examined, in the following way:

<b>Paper One:</b> 1 hr 45 min written paper Topics 1–4: Cell biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics. 100 marks (50% of GCSE) Foundation or higher tier Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.	<b>Paper Two:</b> 1 hr 45 min written paper Topics 5–7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology. 100 marks (50% of GCSE) Foundation or higher tier Multiple choice, structured, closed short answer and open response.
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**Overview of the Year:**

<b>Week Beginning</b>	<b>The focus of your learning or revision this week:</b>	<b>Key assessment pieces or specific homework tasks (including deadlines of any coursework/NEAs)</b>
08/09/25	New topic: Ecology Communities	
15/09/25	Abiotic factors Adaptations of animals & plants linked to survival	Homework - Extended response question booklet
22/09/25	Levels of Organisation Distribution & Abundance	Homework - Extended response question booklet
29/09/25	Required practical 9 – Distribution (sampling) Carbon cycle	Homework - Extended response question booklet Exam questions
06/10/25	Water Decomposition	Homework - Extended response question booklet
13/10/25	Required practical 10 – Rates of decay	Homework - Extended response question booklet Exam questions Multichoice mid topic quiz
20/10/25	Impact of environmental change Biodiversity	Homework - Extended response question booklet Exam questions
<b>Half Term</b>		
03/11/25	Waste management – land & air pollution Waste management – water pollution	Homework - Revision for Assessment Week 1
10/11/25	<i>Revision for Assessment Week 1</i>	Homework - Revision for Assessment Week 1
17/11/25	<i>Revision for Assessment Week 1</i>	Homework - Revision for Assessment Week 1
24/11/25	<b>Assessment Week One</b>	

01/12/25	Land use Deforestation	Homework - Extended response question booklet Exam questions
08/12/25	Assessment week one feedback	Homework - Extended response question booklet
15/12/25	Global warming	Homework - Extended response question booklet Exam questions
<b>Christmas Break</b>		
05/01/26	Maintaining biodiversity Trophic levels	Homework - Extended response question booklet
12/01/26	Pyramids of biomass Transfer of biomass	Homework - Extended response question booklet Exam questions
19/01/26	Food security Farming techniques	Homework - Extended response question booklet
26/01/26	Sustainable fisheries Role of biotechnology	Homework - Extended response question booklet Exam questions
02/02/26	Ecology revision Ecology test	Homework - Revision for Ecology test
09/02/26	Ecology test feedback <i>Revision for Assessment Week 2</i>	Homework - Revision for Assessment Week 2
<b>Half Term</b>		
23/02/26	<i>Revision for Assessment Week 2</i>	Homework - Revision for Assessment Week 2
02/03/26	<b>Assessment Week Two</b>	
09/03/26	Revision for GCSEs	Homework – revision from this point on for GCSEs
16/03/26	Assessment week two feedback	Revision for GCSEs
23/03/26	Revision for GCSEs	Revision for GCSEs
30/03/26	Revision for GCSEs	Revision for GCSEs
<b>Easter Break</b>		
20/04/26	Revision for GCSEs	Revision for GCSEs
27/04/26	Revision for GCSEs	Revision for GCSEs
04/05/26	Revision for GCSEs	Revision for GCSEs
11/05/26	<b>GCSEs Start</b>	

**Exam Practice:**

[AQA](#) | [GCSE](#) | [Biology](#) | [Assessment resources](#)

Our padlet can be found here with lots of help for revision

**Revision Materials:**

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Revision resources can be bought from here if you want – but we do have lots free on the G drive

<p><a href="#">Y11 GCSE BIOLOGY Triple and Combined Trilogy: Paper 1 and 2</a></p>	<p><a href="#">GCSE Biology   CGP Books</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cognito - Learn GCSE Maths, Biology, Physics and Chemistry - Completely Free (cognitoedu.org)</a></p>
<p><b><u>Glossaries: Where to find them:</u></b> Vocabulary lists to support your revision can be found here:</p> <p><a href="#">Subject specific vocabulary (aqa.org.uk)</a></p> <p><b><u>G:\Science\Home learning biology\Year 11\Revision\GCSE Biology Triple\Glossaries</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Advice and Guidance for Revision</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start your revision early so it allows you to revise for shorter bursts of time more often</li><li>• Keep on revisiting topics to help build your memory</li><li>• Test yourself often using flashcards, quizzes and exam questions- rereading material is not a proven effective technique.</li><li>• Practice your exam technique using past paper questions. This will really help you to better understand what keywords you need to be using in your answers</li></ul>