

REVISION TIPS

Y11 GCSE Biology revision suggestions (for trilogy and separate sciences)

- You should have thorough and well organised notes for the whole course from your lessons
 - You should review topics you know you found difficult-use the syllabus (available on the AQA website) as a checklist, and highlight any unfamiliar content, or content that you found difficult-this is a good way to prioritise your revision.
 - You should also try to identify your weaknesses by looking at test results and mock exam papers
 - Research shows that by far the most effective revision methods involve you testing yourself. (Educake is a really good way of doing this)
- Have a go at some longer response questions on the AQA website, and again mark them with the markschemes on the website This will allow you to develop good answers to challenging questions and to memorise key information.
- Instead of simply reading/highlighting your notes, try creating a mind map for a topic or making revision cards.

The test essay program in terms 3 and 4 of year 11 in Biology will also help you to revise for and answer longer response questions.

Ensure you are aware of the topics that will be tested in paper 1 and paper 2, and revise them as appropriate

Revision resources

Past papers:

- 1) search "AQA past papers" in google – this will take you to the exam board website. Download question paper and **mark them using the mark scheme provided**
 - 2) search "physics and maths tutor biology revision" in google. Go to the website and click on the "AQA" link under GCSE. Here you will find notes, videos and packs of questions **with mark schemes** for each of the GCSE topics for your course.
- There are lots of websites which provide similar revision notes and question packs. Use them

Videos

- 1) search "free science lessons" in google or YouTube. These are very accurate and concise videos covering lots of the AQA course.
- 2) revisionvideos.com/subjects/biology
- 3) There are YouTube videos for all the required practical experiments – take a look at these.

Websites

- 1) Seneca
 - 2) Use Educake. We will set work through Educake during the run up to the gcses, but you can carry out activities without prompting from your teacher
- Ask your teachers to set dodder exercises on challenging topics (they will be doing this anyway, but it won't hurt to request a particular topic.

Books and commercial resources

Use your revision guide – if you don't have one, buy one from the school at a reduced cost (£3 for

biology, £5 for combined science).

Consider buying the CGP AQA revision workbooks. You can buy these from the school at a reduced rate (£4). Let your teacher know if you would like to buy one.

Ask for a set of commercially produced revision cards for Christmas. The CGP ones are best- they

cost about £5 per pack. You can also buy these through the school if you let us know