

GCSE Biology Exam Information and Subject Updates 2021-22

Key Exam Information

Subject:	Biology	
Exam board:	AQA	
Adaptations for 2022 exams:	Provision of advance information on the focus of the content of exams.	
Summer exam dates:	Paper 1 Date: 17 th May 2022, am Duration: 1h 45 Content: B1-B4 Weighting: 50%	Paper 2 Date: 15 th June 2022, am Duration: 1h 45 Content: B5-B7 Weighting: 50%
Other examined component details (dates/deadlines, weighting):	N/A	

March Mock Exam

Date:	7th - 10th March
Content to be examined:	Paper 2: Unit B5, 6 and 7

Exam Preparation

Exam preparation tips:	<p>Learning Content: Use the checklists provided to identify what you need to know. When revising, break topics up into manageable chunks. Don't try and learn everything, focus on areas of weakness. Try to come back to key concepts several times. Don't just copy from your revision guide or exercise book, use effective revision techniques (guidance will be given in lessons).</p> <p>Applying Knowledge: Ensure you know the meaning of question command words. Practise exam questions in exam conditions and mark them yourself. Ask your teacher to check if your marking is accurate. Read examiner reports on previous exams, these highlight common errors in answers.</p> <p>Practical Skills: Ensure you are familiar with the required practicals.</p>
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	<p>Ensure you can explain how to use the apparatus and techniques covered in these. Practise writing methods for common techniques. Practise drawing graphs and interpreting data in graphs and tables.</p> <p>Maths Skills Learn equations not given on the equation sheet (tbc). Practise rearranging equations. Learn units and prefixes, and practise converting units. Practise writing values to a specific number of significant figures. Practise using standard form. Ensure all calculations are clearly laid out.</p>
Links to subject pages on the exam board website	https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461
Revision websites:	https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7
Revision sessions:	A timetable will be shared with students.
Links to other resources: (eg. Departmental Google classroom)	https://classroom.google.com Students should log in with their school email then join the classroom using the code qcfqwpm . Here they can access revision resources, videos, websites, exam questions and mark schemes.
Revision guides: (Where to buy, price etc.)	CGP AQA Biology - £5.50 All available through science teachers/technicians.