

Year 11 Science – GCSE Success 2026



Exams: AQA Combined or Separate Science



All students take AQA GCSE Science (combined or separate).

Combined Science: 6 exams, each 1 hour 15 min (2 Biology, 2 Chemistry, 2 Physics).

Separate Sciences: 6 exams, each 1 hour 45 min (2 per subject).



Exams at a Glance (and dates)

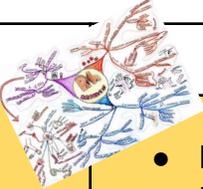
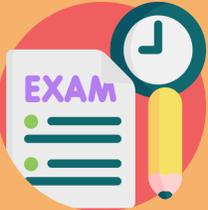
Here are the units covered in each exam

Subject	Paper 1	Paper 2
Biology 	Date: 12th May 2026	Date: 8th June 2026
	Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cell biology ● Organisation ● Infection & response ● Bioenergetics 	Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Homeostasis ● Inheritance ● Ecology
Chemistry 	Date: 18th May 2026	Date: 12th June 2026
	Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Atomic structure & periodic table ● Bonding ● Quantitative chemistry ● Chemical changes ● Energy changes 	Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Rate & extent ● Organic chemistry ● Chemical analysis ● Earth's resources
Physics 	Date: 2nd June 2026	Date: 15th June 2026
	Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Energy ● Electricity ● Particle model ● Atomic structure 	Topics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Forces ● Waves ● Magnetism & electromagnetism ● Space (separate only)



How to Revise at Home

It is important to start early – little and often: 20–30 minutes, 4–5 times a week is far more effective than last-minute cramming.

Revision Tip	Description	Resources
<p>Build understanding first</p> 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Read the information you need to know: Use a revision guide, Educake slides or GCSE bitesize. ● Transfer this information into your notes/mind map ● Highlight key words and write summary for each sub-topic. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● GCSE Bitesize (free) ● Sparx Science Revision slides (using student log ins) ● CGP Revision guides for AQA combined or separate  
<p>Actively test yourself</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Create flashcards (question on one side, answer on the other). ● Use “look–cover–check” to memorise key definitions. ● Practise past exam questions and mark them using the AQA mark schemes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Flash cards ● Exam questions found by Googling ‘AQA Science Past Papers’ 
<p>Practise exam skills</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Time yourself on short question sets. ● Show working in calculations and check units. ● Read every question carefully – underline command words such as “describe”, “explain” or “evaluate”. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Exam questions found by Googling ‘AQA Science Past Papers’ ● Your school planners have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Equation sheet for physics ○ Command word descriptors ○ Periodic table for chemistry

