

Induction Day 29th June 2018

EXAMS

- You are the 4th cohort doing the new course.
- The results of the year 12 exam will not count towards your A level grade.
- You will sit three exams on the whole two years of the course.
- Paper three will be your practical assessment and will ask you questions on the practicals recorded in your lab records books.





SUITABILITY

- APS 5.2
- Grade 6 in GCSE Sciences. If more than one Science at least two must be at a grade 6 (one must be Chemistry).
- Grade 6 in GCSE Maths

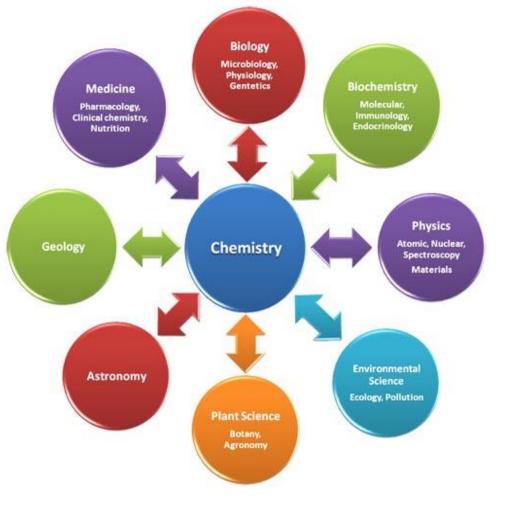
 (discussion with department if a grade 5 is achieved)
- Pass the entry exam.



REALITY

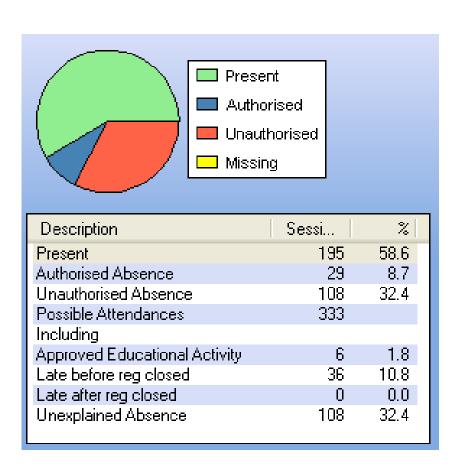


- A LEVEL CHEMISTRY IS TOUGH. Every year we have students who find the transition difficult/impossible. Last year students failed year 12 because of failing year 12 Chemistry. They now have to start year 12 again with new option choices.
- What ever the topic, activity, or task you are set you will have to give your FULL commitment
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SIMPLE RULE

- If you do not attend all of your lessons you will fail.
- If your attendance drops below 80% you will also probably fail!!!
- If you are ill you must catch up.



IF YOU MISS A DEADLINE YOU ARE "DEAD"!!

It benefits no one to be forever chasing bits of paper. Expect one chance, and that's it.



RECORD KEEPING.



- You will need to keep your study notes and work in a folder in an organised manner.
- Every month or so you will be expected to hand the folder in for marking and evaluation.



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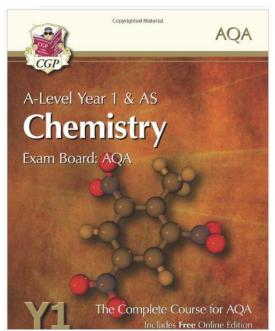


- You will also need to buy a hardback lab log to write your experiments in.
- •You have to complete and write up a minimum of 12 experiments over the two years.
- •If your lab book is assessed as up to standard you will also be accredited with the experimental award on your final certificate.



TEXTBOOKS

We strongly advise you to purchase the recommended book(s).



https://www.amazon.co.uk/ New--Level-Chemistry-AQA-Student/dp/1782943218/ref =sr 1 3?s=books&ie=UTF8& qid=1467284369&sr=1-3&keywords=aqa+chemistry +as+year+1



SAFETY EXPECTATIONS





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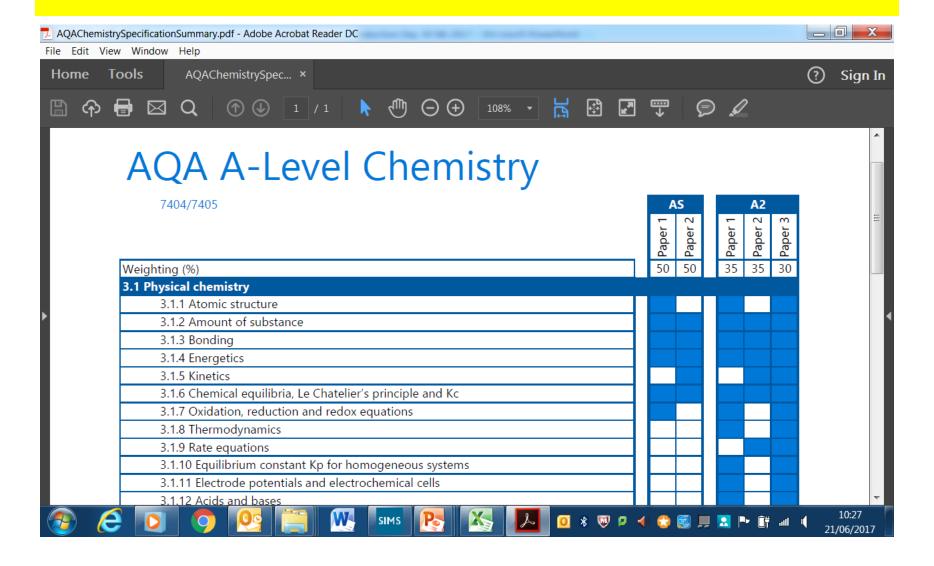




BANNED.
Shorts, tops that do not cover shoulders, and open toed shoes.



HAND-OUT



Chemistry induction test

First lesson in September. We have not finalised the test but we would expect you to know the following as a minimum:

- Naming compounds and writing chemical formulae, balancing equations
- Proton, Electron & Neutron numbers for any given element
- Electron configuration (shell filling shorthand)
- Metallic, ionic & covalent bonding
- Isotopes
- Acids/Bases
- Reacting masses- moles, yields,

Prep sessions:

'Head Start to A-Level Chemistry'- GCP

'Essential Maths Skills for A-Level Chemistry'- GCP

Recommended textbooks:

'A-Level Year 1 & AS Chemistry', Exam Board AQA- CGP

'A-Level Year 2 Chemistry', Exam Board AQA- CGP

Students can use the following link to access the (new) specification, required practical handbook and past papers.

http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/chemistry-7404-7405

<u>List of good A-Level Chemistry websites:</u> (with the caveat that I cannot check every web page that appears on these websites)

http://www.chemguide.co.uk

http://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/chemistry

http://www.a-levelchemistry.co.uk

http://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/chemistry-revision/a-level-aqa/

http://www.rsc.org/learn-chemistry/wiki/A-Level_Chemistry_Revision

http://www.docbrown.info/page13/page13.htm



Best of luck for your exam results and enjoy your summer.