

How to Revise Science

Year 10 exams

You will sit 3 full paper 1 science papers. Each paper is worth 70 marks and is 1hr15min long.

- Biology topics 1–4: Cell Biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics.
- Chemistry topics 1–5: Atomic structure and the periodic table; Bonding, structure, and the properties of matter; Quantitative chemistry; Chemical changes; and Energy changes.
- Physics topics 1–4: Energy; Electricity; Particle model of matter; and Atomic structure.

What to prepare for

The papers are a mixture of different question styles, including

- Multiple-choice questions
- Short answer questions
- Calculations
- Extended open-response questions

(b) Sodium chloride solution contains two types of positive ions, sodium ions (Na^+) and hydrogen ions (H^+).

Tick (✓) the reason why hydrogen is produced at the negative electrode and **not** sodium.

Reason	Tick (✓)
Hydrogen is a gas.	
Hydrogen is less reactive than sodium.	
Hydrogen is a non-metal.	
Hydrogen ions travel faster than sodium ions.	

(1)

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The first one has been done for you.

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Sulphuric acid	Potassium hydroxide	

(2)

Q9. Magnesium is added to dilute hydrochloric acid.

An exothermic reaction takes place.

(b) A student investigates how the mass of magnesium used affects the temperature change during the reaction.

Plan a method the student could use.

You should include:

- the apparatus needed
- the measurements to be taken.

Prepare for exams

- Plan out your time
- Revise keywords/ command words
- Practice past papers
- Create revision flash cards
- Read Cover Write Check – KO homework
- Ask for help
- Ask your teacher where you gaps are

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Past Papers

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Subject

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Qualification

GCSE

Specification

Combined Science: Trilogy (8464)

Series

All available series

Once you have revised the topics through self testing and flash cards etc. Past papers are the best way to check your own knowledge.

Using the mark schemes allows you to see what the exam board are expecting you to give for answers, and this will help when you attempt future assessments.

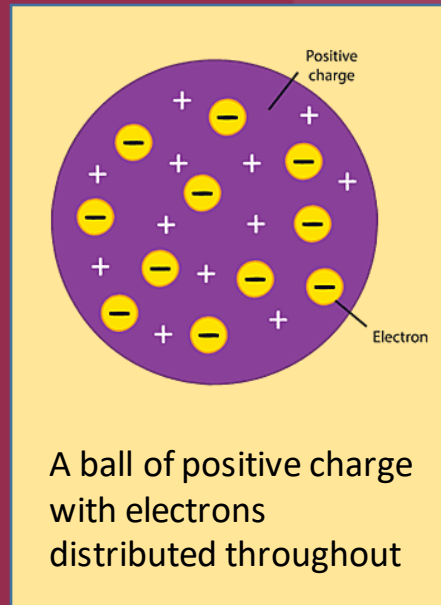
Flashcards

- As you revise for Y10 mocks, you can build up a large set of flashcards that will see you through Y11.
- Flashcards allow you to self test, and you can ask for others to test you (they have the answers)



What is the Plum Pudding model of the atom?

Front



Back



There are some excellent YouTube channels dedicated to GCSE revision.

Some that I recommend are...

- Cognito Science
- Free science lessons
- myGCSEscience
- Malmesbury Education (for required practicals)

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for Malmesbury Education. At the top left is the channel's profile picture, a circular logo with a stylized atom. To the right of the profile picture, the channel name "Malmesbury Education" is displayed, along with the handle "@MalmesburyEducation" and "43.7K subscribers". A black "Subscribe" button is located in the top right corner. Below the channel information, the section "Latest from Malmesbury Education" features a video thumbnail. The video is titled "SHM - Simple Harmonic Motion - Physics A-level Required Practical" and has 2.7K views, posted 2 months ago. The thumbnail shows a man in a white shirt and headphones, with a pendulum and a spring-mass system in the background. The video description states: "Mr Rees shows you how to verify the relationships for the simple harmonic motion of a simple pendulum and mass-spring system." Below the description, there is a chapter list: "Introduction | Measuring | Stop clock | Mass spring | Graph" and a dropdown menu for "5 chapters".

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for myGCSEscience. The profile picture is a circular logo with the text "MY GCSE SCIENCE". The channel name "myGCSEscience" is prominently displayed, followed by the handle "@myGCSEscience", "80.2K subscribers", and "156 videos". The channel description reads: "Achieve outstanding results in GCSE Science - www.my-GCSEscience.com." Below the description is the website URL "my-gcscience.com" and a "Subscribe" button. The navigation menu includes "Home", "Videos", "Live", "Playlists", and "Community". A video thumbnail is shown with the title "My GCSE Science - Premium video tutorials" and 33,634 views, posted 6 years ago. The video description states: "https://www.my-GCSEscience.com is the UK's leading source of premium video tutorials dedicated to the 9-1 Science GCSEs. Specialist teaching, direct to the student, all at a small fraction of the cost of a tutor. Achieve outstanding results with https://www.my-GCSEscience.com." At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "Edexcel 9-1 GCSE videos".

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for freesciencelessons. The profile picture is a circular logo with a stylized brain. The channel name "freesciencelessons" is displayed, along with the handle "@freesciencelessons", "775K subscribers", and "711 videos". The channel description reads: "Workbooks for schools from 40p per copy https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/school-lic...". Below the description is the website URL "freesciencelessons.co.uk/school-licences" and "Subscribe" and "Join" buttons. The navigation menu includes "Home", "Videos", "Playlists", and "Community". A video thumbnail is shown with the title "10 Tips for your Science GCSEs in 2024" and 222,400 views, posted 3 months ago. The video description states: "In this video, I give you ten tips on how to get the best grades you can in your GCSE Science exams in 2024." Below the description, there are links to "AQA GCSE Physics Equation sheet" and "AQA GCSE Combined Science Trilogy Equation Sheet...". At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "GCSE Biology Paper 1".

The screenshot shows the YouTube channel page for Cognito. The profile picture is a blue gear icon. The channel name "Cognito" is displayed, along with the handle "@Cognito", "171K subscribers", and "382 videos". The channel description reads: "Hi - we make video lessons for GCSE science and maths. The lessons give a concise run through of everything you'll need to ...". Below the description is a "SUBSCRIBE" button. The navigation menu includes "Home", "Videos", "Live", "Playlists", and "Community". A video thumbnail is shown with the title "GCSE Biology - What Is The Difference Between Light And Electron Microscopes?" and 501 views, posted 1 day ago. The video description states: "In this video, we cover: - How light microscopes work - How electrons microscopes work - The pros and cons of each Exam board ...". Below the description, there is a section titled "GCSE Biology - What is Microscopy??".

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Science Exam Tips

- Read the questions...

Sometimes you can be correct in what you say, but it does not answer the question asked.

- Show your working out

There is a lot of maths in the science papers. By showing your working you are better positioned to pick up the marks if you make a mistake at any point.

Use uFIFA when doing calculations (units, Formula, Insert, Fine tune, Answer)

- In multiple choice questions eliminate the wrong answers to give you a better chance of picking the correct answer **(and always tick the correct number of boxes)**

- **Always check through at the end... make sure you haven't missed any hidden questions.**