

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE KEY STAGE 5

2025-2026

MODULES/UNITS

MODULES: AQA 7447

Paper 1: The Physical Environment, Energy Resources, Pollution and Research Methods

Paper 2: Living Environments, Biological Resources, Sustainability & Research Methods

Throughout the course, research methods and skills will be continually assessed.

Final Examination:

At the end of the two year course, there are two papers. Each paper consists of multiple choice, short style and extended writing questions.

Each paper is 3 hours long and 120 marks.

Total exam is out of 240.

COURSEWORK DEADLINES/EXAMS

RESEARCH METHODS: Practical activities will be carried out with consideration of their environmental impacts and how these can be minimised. Students must undertake experimental and investigative activities, including appropriate risk management, in a range of environmental contexts. They must also know how to safely and correctly use a range of practical equipment and materials. They must carry out practical activities using the best contemporary practices for risk assessment and safe working in the laboratory and during fieldwork.

WHEN

ON GOING THROUGHOUT COURSE

INTERNAL GATEWAY EXAMINATION FOR YEAR 12

JUNE

WRITTEN EXAM PAPERS A2 2 WRITTEN PAPERS

JUNE

Projects/Scheme of Work/Topics	During
Year 12	
The Living Environment The Physical Environment	Autumn term
Biological Resources The Physical Environment	Spring term
A2 (two year qualification)	
Energy Resources	Autumn term
Pollution Sustainability	Spring term
Research Skills	Over entire 2 years

OTHER INFORMATION

A2 Exam Board: AQA 7447

Text books:

AS/A Level Environmental Science 2nd Edition

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Additional Reading List

Gateway Resources

Past Papers: These are available to download at www.aqa.org.uk

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