



BIOLOGY 9-1 KEY STAGE 4 SCHEDULE

2026-2028

MODULES/UNITS

AQA 8461 Biology is arranged in seven units and taught across the Key Stage

Unit 1: Cell Biology

Unit 2: Organisation

Unit 3: Bioenergetics

Unit 4: Infection and Response

Unit 5: Ecology

Unit 6: Homeostasis and Response

Unit 7: Inheritance, Variation and Evolution

COURSEWORK DEADLINES/EXAMS

WHEN

INTERNAL TESTS: END OF TOPICS

THROUGHOUT THE COURSE

YEAR 10 EXAM

MAY YR 10

REVISION EXAM OF YR 10 COURSE

SEPTEMBER YR 11

MOCK EXAMINATION

DECEMBER YR 11

Assessment Overview:

Paper 1 will cover Units 1-4.

Paper 2 will cover Units 5-7

Separate Biology - Both papers will be sat in the Summer of year 11, each will last 1 hour 45 mins and will count for 50% of the grade each.

Trilogy (double award) Biology – Both papers will be sat in the Summer of year 11, each will last 1 hour 15 mins and will count for 16.7% of the grade each.

PROJECTS/SCHEME OF WORK/TOPICS FOR AQA BIOLOGY

DURING

Unit 1 Cell Biology

AUTUMN YR 10

Unit 2 Organisation

AUTUMN YR 10

Unit 3 Bioenergetics

SPRING YR 10

Unit 4 Infection and Response

SPRING YR 10

Unit 5 Ecology

SUMMER YR 10

Unit 6 Homeostasis and Response

AUTUMN YR 11

Unit 7: Inheritance, Variation and Evolution

SPRING YR 11

There will be continuous assessment of practical skills throughout the course, including 10 required practical experiments. The techniques learned will be assessed in the exam.

OTHER INFORMATION

Useful Sites:

Student Gateway

Exam board: AQA

Staff: Mr. M. Smith (Head of Biology), Miss. W. Butler, Dr. S. Clark, Mrs. K Howe and Mrs R. Smith

Homework and Revision

Pupils have access to the resources on the TBSHS Student Gateway, which includes past papers, suggested resources, revision sites, & reading material which is regularly updated.

Equipment

Scientific calculators are recommended and can be ordered through the school.