

Science Dept. Assessment Policy

Formal Assessments

Following the school assessment policy the science department will set 4 formal assessments in the year.

Halloween - End of unit Test
January - School exams
Easter - End of unit Test
June - School exams

In 1st to 3rd year these assessments will be graded as a percentage.
In the senior school assessments will be graded using a GCSE / Applied A level grade.

In addition to these the science department will formally mark each test completed at the end of a taught unit at GCSE / Applied A-Level

From 1st to 3rd year pupils will be assessed on 3 investigation assessments – one completed per year. These will be based on the Key Stage 3 Key Skills – Communication, Using Mathematics and Using ICT. Two of these assessments will be formal for use in feedback to parents on the Cross Curricular Skills

These assessments will be discussed at department meetings and reviewed in line with the revised KS3 curriculum.

Informal Assessments

These will take the form of teacher observations of:

- Group work
- Practical work
- Discussion
- Questioning / Answering

These will be used to inform the teacher of pupil progress in a particular unit.
Remedial action will be taken with any pupil/s who are having difficulty with a unit.

Homework Policy

The science department in keeping with the school homework policy will:

- Give homework at the beginning of each class.
- Formally mark one homework a fortnight
- Assess both the content and presentation of the homework
- Give feedback as quickly as possible