



Ensuring Success in Year 11: Biology

Qualification:	GCSE
Exam board details and website link:	AQA Biology https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461
Scheme of Assessment (number of papers / duration etc):	2 Papers 1 hour 45 mins each: Paper 1: Topics 1–4: Cell biology; Organisation; Infection and response; and Bioenergetics. Paper 2: Topics 5–7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology.
How to access past / sample exam papers, mark schemes, examiners reports, etc:	AQA website: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461/assessment-resources
Where/how to access revision materials:	Free science lessons: https://www.youtube.com/@Freesciencelessons Maths & Physics tutor: https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/ select GCSE AQA revision Cognito: https://cognitoedu.org/register sign up for revision videos and questions BBC Bitesize: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7
Optional revision guides / texts to purchase:	CGP revision guides: https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/secondary-books/gcse/science?sort=best_selling&quantity=36&page=1&view=grid&currentFilter=Subject_9&filter_exam%20board=ExamBoard_140&filter_subject=Subject_9 available on amazon
Suggested revision techniques:	Flash cards/ mindmaps Practice exam questions Mark schemes Examiners reports
Useful exam tips / Common mistakes to avoid	Remember calculator Six-mark questions can be bullet points/labelled diagrams

Year 11 Mock Information

Remember to bring your calculator

Number of papers and duration	1 papers 1 hour 45 mins each
Topics / information to revise	Topics 5–7: Homeostasis and response; Inheritance, variation and evolution; and Ecology.
Where/how to access revision materials:	Revision booklets/materials checklists distributed. Websites as above