|  |
| --- |
| **A Level biology** |

We are asking all students to complete some Independent Preparatory Work over the summer, before they join Year 12 in September. You will need to bring this work to lessons as the content will be assessed through introductory assessments which will be completed within the few first weeks of the new term.

|  |
| --- |
| **Tasks** |
| **You will have two assessments in late September which will cover theory and maths skills.*** You will sit a theory and a maths GCSE level entry tests in September.
* Some direct GCSE theory topics tested and expanded upon in A level biology are listed below.

**You should make separate independent notes for each one and have them available in lessons to submit to your teacher throughout September** 1. Inherited disorders, 2. Exchange of substances such as oxygen, carbon dioxide, water and digested materials and transport of oxygen, 3. Classification , 4. mitosis, 5. Human Digestion, 6. Genetic modification, 7. Coronary Heart disease 8. Respiration. 9. Cancer 10. DNA structure, 11. Drug trials
* **Mathematical skills required of A level biology**

Mathematical application make up 10% of your final A level grade. This is a small sample of some of the maths skills needed Y**ou should make separate independent notes for each concepts and have them available in lessons to submit to your teacher throughout September**Log scales, Ratios, percentage change, magnification, standard form, unit conversion. Graph plotting, volume, area, means**Useful web links to help you:**<https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=freesciencelessons><https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=amoeba+sisters><https://www.youtube.com/user/MrPollockBiology><https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=bozeman+science>* **Prepare yourself for the course content:**
* **Review the syllabus** fully from the AQA website. **We will** provide you with a printed copy.
* <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/biology-7401-7402/specification-at-a-glance>
* [**https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-7401-7402-SP-2015.PDF**](https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-7401-7402-SP-2015.PDF)

**Students strongly recommended to:** * Purchase your own copy of the text book. Recommended link. <https://global.oup.com/education/product/9780198351764/?region=uk>
* Purchase an AQA revision guide**.**
* Purchase an additional personal Biology text for further detailed independent learning at home: Collins Advanced Science 2008 by Mike Boyle and Kathyrn Senior – Biology ISBN: 9780007267453
* Recommended subscription to an excellently written magazine for A Level biology students

 Subscribe to “Biological Science Review” <http://www.bsr.manchester.ac.uk/> |
| **Extra reading** |
| **Students could:*** Research different types of pathogens and transmission of disease.
* Research different types of microscopes: summarise their advantages/disadvantages
* Research the structure of lipids, carbohydrates, lipids, glucose molecules
* proteins and DNA – draw a labelled picture of each molecule
 |