



Notre Dame

CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Biology A level

1. **View our courses:** <https://www.notredamecoll.ac.uk/courses/biology>
2. **Exam board specification:** <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/biology-7401-7402>
3. **Suggested reading list, websites, pod casts, films etc.**
 - a) If you studied a trilogy or combined science course OR studied for a GCSE specification other than AQA, please work through the BBC bitesize single science Biology GCSE course – this will mean that you will all start at a similar point in September.
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zpgcbk7>

We will have to set assessments in September to check you have joined the right course for you.

- b) 15% of our A level examinations questions are based on 12 required practicals that you will need to complete over the 2 years you will study Biology. Please make sure you brush up on your practical or some schools call them ‘how science works’ skills
<https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/biology-revision/gcse-aqa/practical-skills>
<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQwOgESIQFSenuU6Gf9rSQGNr2OFsOo3u>
- c) Maths is also a really important part of our A level course – just like GCSE it makes up 10% of all our exam paper questions, so again please make sure you brush up on your GCSE maths skills ready to start in September
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aaq1HPvI6E>
- d) If you have got all this covered, try a Future learn course on an aspect of Biology that interests you – you have time and it would be great for a university application #cvbuilding.
<https://www.futurelearn.com>

4. A summer learning activity/task

Please complete, mark and correct the following past papers:
AQA Biology GCSE (Higher) June 2018 Paper 1
AQA Biology GCSE (Higher) June 2018 Paper 2



Notre Dame

CATHOLIC SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

You can find the papers and mark schemes on the AQA website:

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>