



## **The Crypt School**

### **The Biology Department**

The Biology Department is a forward thinking and innovative department, looking for a like-minded person.

The staffing structure consists of a Head of Biology and four other teachers, together with one dedicated Biology technician.

All specialist staff teach up to AS/A2 and across the KS3 range as required. At Key Stage 3 all pupils study a Science Foundation Curriculum. Pupils begin to study GCSE Biology from Year 9, but choose their GCSE options in March of Year 9.

At Key Stage 4 most pupils study Biology, Chemistry and Physics to GCSE, with some taking the Combined Science course.

Results at both GCSE and A Level have been excellent for some years, with many students proceeding to Biological and Medicinal Science related courses at university.

There are regular visits to places of scientific interest, spread across year groups, and links with Oxford, Bristol and Gloucestershire Universities, as well as many strong links with local engineering firms, especially with Renishaw and GE Aviation.

Each member of staff is invited to contribute fully to enrichment activities, giving a large scope for personal development and individual responsibility for the appropriate person. The Department is developing links with local schools and colleges to promote Science across the community, mainly through the School's 'Teaching School' status.