**Science Department Information**

In 2017, 91% of our students achieved 2 or more science GCSEs at grade C-A\*. The department had an ALPS score of 1 for core science, putting it in the top 10% of schools.

Science makes a very positive contribution to our Progress 8 score. We believe that this is the result of our relentless focus on ensuring that every student receives a consistent diet of high quality teaching from Year 7, rather than relying on interventions in Year 11 to compensate.

You will be joining a highly successful and supportive team of dedicated and well-qualified science teachers. As a department we are committed to working with students, colleagues and parents in order to achieve the highest possible standards. While we are a very successful department, there is always room for improvement and we look forward to the fresh ideas and additional experience that the successful candidate will bring.

All of our classrooms are well equipped, spacious laboratories. We also have a dedicated science computer room where students have timetabled computer lessons. The department has two specialist technicians.

Students are set by ability in each year, ensuring that they are suitably challenged and supported based on their individual needs. During the last three years, our scheme of work has been entirely re-written in-house to provide a first class five year scheme of work that incorporates spacing, in accordance with the latest education research. Resources to support the delivery of the new scheme of work are currently being reviewed and refined.

Students officially start their GCSEs in Year 9 and follow the AQA course. At least one group of students takes Triple Science each year.

The department is actively engaged in training students on the Salary Direct and local SCITT programme. There is an established programme of primary events. The Science department takes a lead in promoting STEM activities both in and out of school.