

FINCHLEY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL.

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

The science department at Finchley Catholic High School is large, successful and well-resourced. The department consists of twelve well qualified staff and three technicians. There are eight refurbished labs, one of which has computers and three prep rooms. Each lab is linked to the school network and the department has its own set of laptops for use with up to date software and interactive whiteboards.

We are a high achieving department with above national average results at KS3 and GCSE. The majority of boys study separate sciences to GCSE, the rest take double or single award. At GCSE we follow the AQA Science Course. Teachers are expected to teach Balanced Science at KS3 using our own Scheme of Work. There is the opportunity to teach within specialism at A and AS level. We have a good uptake of science at KS5 with a mixed Sixth Form and collaboration with St. Michael's Girls' Grammar School. Many of our Science students achieve excellent grades and go on to study Science at the Russell Group of Universities.

The department embraces both newly qualified teachers and those with experience. We have successful links with Higher Education establishments and have developed a very supportive structure within the department. Extracurricular activities that enrich the curriculum are encouraged; these include STEM science club and Challenges for Years 7, 8 and 9, Science Activity Days, visits and visiting speakers and Master Classes at the Royal Institution. There is a wildlife area and pond which is looked after by the technicians with help from a small group of students who take Horticulture BTEC.

The science department is supportive of the school's Catholic ethos and contributes to whole school initiatives.

Departmental Structure 2015/16

Curriculum Leader		Jack Cronin
Subject Leaders	Biology	Gordon Esler
	Chemistry	Sean Meally
	Physics	Jack Cronin
Fiona Quinn (KS3 Coordinator)		Chemistry
Asli Enver-Ozatinc (Schools Direct)		Chemistry
John Dikes		Physics
Stephen Wellsby		Physics
Alison Clark		Physics/Maths
Vicky Langham		Biology
Ujwala Jayaram (Schools Direct)		Biology
Peter Stapleton (Assistant Headteacher)		Biology
Lorna McGinley (PT)		Biology
Melissa Bernard-Roy		Biology
Glenda Azolukwam		Biology
David Constable (Lead Technician)		Physics
Kathleen Harty		Chemistry
Francesca Ribeiro		Biology