The Chemistry department consists of four full time teaching staff and one specialist Chemistry technician. All staff play full roles in the pastoral and co-curricular life of the school but appreciate that their primary role is that of teaching Chemistry.

The department meets weekly to discuss departmental and school-wide issues, share good teaching practice and ICT strategies. Day-to-day administration is usually dealt with via email.

The Chemistry department has its own workroom where staff work together; they share resources and good practice on a day to day basis. The laboratories have all been refurbished recently, contain a fume cupboard and have a good range of apparatus to enable the teaching staff to perform both experiments and demonstrations with the students. Every laboratory has a computer with an interactive whiteboard or projector. The school also subscribes to online resources such as Kerboodle, Exampro and GCSE pod. The Science Faculty has its own mini lecture theatre and a computer suite.

In Years 7 and 8 we teach our own Science syllabus through a series of different topic based units. We start teaching the GCSE AQA specification in Year 9 and during this year pupils decide to choose AQA Trilogy science or Separate Award Chemistry. This year we have three Trilogy groups and three Separate Award groups in both Years 10 and 11. All of our pupils sit the higher level paper and have high target grades. 94% of the GCSE Chemistry pupils achieved grades 7-9 last year. 64% of the GCSE Trilogy Science pupils achieved grades 7-9 last year.

Many of our students decide to carry on with their studies in Chemistry and we have over sixty students studying AQA A-Level Chemistry. We have four teaching groups in Year 12 and four teaching groups in Year 13. Most of our students at A-level have high target grades and are high achieving students that go on to further education at the Russell Group Universities.

Some of the extra-curricular activities we run include; lower school science club; activities during science week and the School EXPO; ChemQuiz and Young Analyst competition.

Most years the department also supports a trainee teacher from Manchester University and all members of the Chemistry department have been trained as subject mentors.

In addition, the department offers a lot of support to the students, which includes: subject and pastoral mentoring; running after school support sessions; supporting Year 12 and Year 13 students with their UCAS applications and organising mock interviews for university.