

Accommodation

The Science Department is accommodated in two suites of four laboratories. These are situated on two floors and form a cluster of eight laboratories (five of which have recently undergone a substantial refurbishment) with associated preparation rooms and offices. All rooms are well resourced and have their own data projector.

Teaching Staff

The Department is currently staffed by eleven Science teachers. The energetic and innovative staff have a genuine passion for teaching and learning and there is a real team spirit and commitment to continue to raise attainment. The Department is supported by a hard-working and effective team of four technicians.

Courses

Our own in-house course, supported by resources from 'Exploring Science' is taught at Key Stage 3. Students are taught in mixed ability form groups in Year 7 and are grouped by ability in Years 8 and 9. All topics are assessed by differentiated tests written to and through teacher assessed class and homework activities.

At Key Stage 4 approximately a third of each year group study separate science GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Half of each year group study GCSE Double Award Science. All students follow the OCR Gateway Science Suite of GCSEs. All lessons are taught by subject specialists.

In Years 12 and 13 Advanced Level Courses are followed: A-level Biology (OCR), A-level Chemistry (OCR) and A-level Physics (OCR). The Science Department has a thriving sixth form with two groups of students studying each subject in both Year 12 and Year 13.