



Physics A Level (OCR)

Why study this subject?

Physics encompasses the study of superclusters of galaxies all the way down to the behavior of matter at the smallest level. It underpins everything we know about the world and is the basis on which we build our knowledge of Chemistry and Biology. Studying Physics helps you to understand the way the world works at the most fundamental level.

You can find physicists working in hugely varied fields: alternative energy, engineering, game design, medicine, law, business, finance, education, music and television, and of course on the cutting edge of technology, exploring new frontiers of knowledge.

Entry Requirements

Please see the entry requirements page on the school website. If you are studying Combined Science, you will need the equivalent of a Grade 6 in Physics.

Content

Content is split into six teaching modules:

Module 1 – Development of practical skills in physics

Module 2 – Foundations of physics

Module 3 – Forces and motion

Module 4 – Electrons, waves and photons

Module 5 – Newtonian world and astrophysics

Module 6 – Particles and medical physics

Assessment

We offer the OCR Physics A Level Specification (H556). Students sit three examinations papers of varying lengths and must produce evidence of practical skills attained during the course through the practical endorsement. Students are required to complete all examination papers for the full A Level qualification at the end of Year 13.



Future courses and possible careers

A Level Physics is a highly valued qualification. Only 8% of student's nationwide study Physics at A Level. Physics is a challenging area of study, and you will have to work hard, but if you gain good results, having studied Physics will open doors. Even students who decide not to go on to study Physics or Engineering at university will find they gain invaluable problem solving and logic skills. These sorts of abilities are highly valued in many fields including business, technology, law and medicine.