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BIOLOGY

Specification	OCR Biology A
The Course Year 12	Module 1 – Development of practical skills Module 2 – Foundations in Biology. Module 3 – Exchange and transport. Module 4 – Biodiversity, evolution, and disease.
The Course Year 13	Module 1 – Development of practical skills Module 5 – Communication, homeostasis, and energy Module 6 – Genetics, evolution, and ecosystems
Skill and Grade Requirements	Sound numeracy skills Sound knowledge of Chemistry and Biology GCSE Ability to make links and apply understanding Minimum grade requirements: Science: 6, 6 (grade 7 and above preferable) Maths: 6
Examinations	Component 1: Biological Processes – 37% (100 marks, 2 hour 15 minutes written paper) Component 1 assesses content from modules 1, 2, 3 and 5. Component 2: Biological Diversity – 37% (100 marks, 2 hour 15 minutes written paper) Component 2 assesses content from modules 1, 2, 4 and 6. Component 3: Unified Biology – 26% (70 marks, 1 hour 30 minutes written paper) Component 3 assesses content from all modules. Component 4: Practical Endorsement in Biology (Non exam assessment) The Practical Endorsement in Biology will be graded Pass or Fail. The students complete and keep record of assessed practical tasks they do in lessons throughout the two years.
Resources	Textbook: A Level Biology for OCR (Oxford University Press) Digital textbook and other resources via Kerboodle and school VLE.

For further details please contact Mrs Goswell