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Chemistry- Exam Board: AQA

Exam dates (including mocks):

Paper 1 (topics 1-5) 16th May 2019
Paper 2 (topics 6-10) 12th June 2019

Mock exam dates:
W/C 19th November 2018
W/C 25th March 2018

Subject Overview (coursework/exam split, timings, weightings etc.):

- Written exam 2 papers: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Foundation and Higher Tier
- 100 marks on each paper (total 200 marks)
- Each paper contributed to 50% of the Chemistry GCSE grade
- No practical mark

The qualification will be graded on a nine-point scale: 1 – 9 – where 9 is the best grade.
A student taking Foundation Tier assessments will be awarded a grade within the range of 1 to 5. Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for grade 1 will be recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

A student taking Higher Tier assessments will be awarded a grade within the range of 4 to 9. A student sitting the Higher Tier who just fails to achieve grade 4 will be awarded an allowed grade 3. Students who fail to reach the minimum standard for the allowed grade 3 will be recorded as U (unclassified) and will not receive a qualification certificate.

Key Topics:

Paper 1

- Atomic structure and the periodic table;
- Bonding, structure, the properties of matter
- Quantitative chemistry
- Chemical changes
- Energy changes

Paper 2

- The rate and extent of chemical change
- Organic chemistry
- Chemical analysis
- Chemistry of the atmosphere
- Using resources

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Useful websites:

www.kerboodle.com
www.tassomai.com
https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zs6hvcw
https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/chemistry-8462/assessment-resources

Useful resources:

- Kerboodle online book
- AQA Chemistry revision guide (including downloadable flashcards)
- AQA past paper exam questions
- Required practical booklet (including past exam paper questions)

Useful revision tips:

- Condense information into key points onto fact cards/flashcards
- Summarise key content onto revision mind maps
- Apply knowledge to quick fire questions
- Past exam paper practise
- Write exam questions to test yourself
- Construct mark schemes and become the examiner
- Exam timing practise – 1 min per mark training