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Biology- Exam Board: AQA

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

Students will sit all 6 exams in May/June of the summer term. There is no practical mark that contributes to the overall mark and each 100 mark paper will lead to a total scaled mark of 200. 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.

- Written exam: 1 hour 45 minutes
- Foundation and Higher Tier
- 100 marks
- 50% of Biology GCSE

Examination Y10 Summer 2021 Key Topics:

- Cell Biology
- Organisation
- Infection and response
- Bioenergetics

Useful websites:

www.tassomai.com
www.freesciencelessons.co.uk
https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/subjects/zs6hvcw
www.physicsandmathstutor.com
www.aqa.org.uk

Useful resources:

- Knowledge Atlas
- AQA Science revision guide
- AQA past paper exam questions
- Required practical booklet (including past exam paper questions)

Useful revision tips:

- Making use of flash cards
- Completing mind maps helps to identify areas of weakness within a topic
- Complete as many past paper exam questions as possible

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- Spend time analysing mark schemes and get familiar with exam technique
- Use of quick quizzes to help to recall key points of information
- Start revision as early as possible as leaving it too late often results in cramming
- Get used to working under correct timings i.e. 1 mark per minute