



Guilsborough Academy Sixth Form

KS5 Curriculum

A Level Physics

Course Title:

A Level Physics

Entry Requirements:

2 grade 6s in GCSE Science. For triple Science one must be Physics.
Grade 6 in GCSE Maths.

Examination Board

OCR A

Assessment:

Paper 1 Modelling physics, 2 hour 15 mins, exam worth 37%
Paper 2 Exploring physics, 2 hours 15 mins, exam worth 37%
Paper 3 Unified physics, 1 hour 30 mins, exam worth 26%
Non-exam assessment – Practical endorsement for physics– Pass/Fail

Is this course right for me?

Physics – a content-led approach. This course offers a flexible approach to Physics where the specification is divided into topics, each covering different key concepts of physics. As students progress through the course they will build on their knowledge of the laws of Physics, applying their understanding to solve problems on topics ranging from sub-atomic particles to the entire universe. For A level only, the Practical Endorsement will also support the development of practical skills.

OCR's AS Level in Physics A specification aims to encourage learners to: develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other; develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods; develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem solving skills; develop their interest in and enthusiasm for the subject, including developing an interest in further study and careers associated with the subject; understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society.

A LEVEL PHYSICS



Unit Contents:

A Level

Paper 1—Modelling physics: Content from modules 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Paper 2—Exploring physics: Content from modules 1, 2, 4 and 6.

Paper 3—Unified physics: Content from all modules can be assessed.

Module 1 – Development of practical skills in physics

1.1 Practical skills assessed in a written examination

Module 2 – Foundations of physics

2.1 Physical quantities and units

2.2 Making measurements and analysing data 2.3 Nature of quantities

Module 3 – Forces and motion

3.1 Motion

3.2 Forces in action

3.3 Work, energy and power

3.4 Materials

3.5 Newton's laws of motion and momentum

Module 4 – Electrons, waves and photons

4.1 Charge and current

4.2 Energy, power and resistance

4.3 Electrical circuits

4.4 Waves

4.5 Quantum physics

Module 5 – Newtonian world and astrophysics

5.1 Thermal physics

5.2 Circular motion

5.3 Oscillations

5.4 Gravitational fields

5.5 Astrophysics and cosmology

Module 6 – Particles and medical physics

6.1 Capacitors

6.2 Electric fields

6.3 Electromagnetism

6.4 Nuclear and particle physics

6.5 Medical imaging.

Note: Module 1 of the specification content relates to the practical skills learners are expected to gain throughout the course, which are assessed throughout the written examinations.

Practical activities are embedded within the learning outcomes of the course to encourage practical activities in the classroom, enhancing learners' understanding of physics theory and practical skills.



Progression:

The specification has been designed to be co-teachable with the A Level in Physics A qualification. Learners studying the A level study modules 1 to 4 and then continue with the A level only modules 5 and 6 in year 13. The internally assessed Practical Endorsement skills also form part of the full A level.

Examples of university courses and grades required:

- **BSc Medical Physics, University of Central London (UCL):**
A-level entry requirements are in the range AAA-ABB, to include Mathematics (grade A preferred) and Physics, usually at least one of them at grade A.
- **Environmental Science (BSc) or Electronic/Mechanical Engineering (BEng), Northampton University:**
A-Level entry requirements approximately BBC (280 Ucas Points). This is to include A Level in Maths for engineering however Maths is not required for environmental science.
- **Mechanical Engineering (BEng), Liverpool University:**
Typically ABB at A-Level including Mathematics plus another Science subject.



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