

APPLIED SCIENCE LEVEL 3 EXTENDED CERTIFICATE

EXAM BOARD: OCR

IT IS WORTH THE SAME NUMBER OF UCAS POINTS
AS 1 A-LEVEL.

PORTFOLIO
60%

WRITTEN EXAM
40%

Why study Applied Science?

This qualification will enable learners to develop their knowledge and understanding of scientific principles, as well as those scientific practical skills recognised by higher education institutions and employers to be most important. The qualification also offers learners an opportunity to develop transferable skills such as problem solving, research and communication as part of their applied learning.

The course is ideal for students who have an interest in the science subjects but would like an alternative to the traditional science A-levels. Alternatively, it can be paired with traditional A-level Science.

Written Exams:

- 1) Fundamentals
- 2) Science in Society

Coursework:

Three pieces:

- 1) Investigating Science
- + two options i.e. forensics, ecology and organic

Self Study Requirements:

The qualification is very learner-driven and all portfolio work should be the independent work of the student. It is expected that some portfolio work will need to be completed outside of lessons, including independent research.

Progression Pathways:

This qualification prepares learners to take up employment in the applied science sector, either directly after achieving the qualification or via higher education.

It is supported by a range of universities, and taken alongside other qualifications it can fulfil the entry requirements for a number of science-related higher education courses, including biomedical, forensic and sports science, as well as nursing.

Our students beyond Stratford:

Aidan (2025 Art)
Psychology, University of Worcester

