

Health, Science and Social Care Professions

GCSE Biology (Science) Part-time

In Brief

Start Date / Duration

This course will commence in September 2020 and will be delivered on Wednesday mornings at 9.15am-12.30pm or Wednesday evenings 5.30pm-8.30pm. You will complete the course one year.

Entry Requirements

- You need to have English at grade D or above, maths at grade D
- Equivalent qualifications or experience accepted
- Functional Skills level 2 accepted
- Successfully complete an interview with Course tutor

You will achieve

You will achieve: GCSE Biology (Science)

Course Overview

GCSE Biology gives students the chance to gain a good understanding of Human Biology, Organisms, Evolution and the Environment. You will learn in the science laboratories with experienced and enthusiastic tutors. The specification integrates the principles of 'Working Scientifically' throughout the topics in required practicals. The course gives students the context of how science is applied in the outside world by real scientists. The course is aimed at any age group as education is ageless.

Course Content

- The course follows the New 9-1 grade system
- Topics covered; 'Cell Biology', 'Organisms', 'Infection and responses', 'Bioenergetics', 'Homeostasis and responses', 'Inheritance, Variation and Evolution' and 'Ecology'
- 10 required practical's are included, such as; 'Food tests', 'Photosynthesis' and 'Using Quadrates and Transects'. These contribute 15% towards the total marks of the examination
- Independent Learning Tasks (ILT – Homework) are also given throughout the topics

You can view AQA course specifications by clicking on the link below;

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/biology-8461>
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How will I be assessed?

- Mock exams and revision sessions will be conducted through the year
- Two end of year exams will take place in May/ June 2020

What Equipment Will I Need?

- You will need writing materials, pens, pencils and note book
- Basic Math's equipment needed; Calculator and ruler

Where will I study?

SciTech Centre
Falcon Street
Barnsley
S70 2EY

What can I do next?

Upon successful completion of your GCSE science course, you may be able to study on an Access to HE Health Science Professions [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/course/access-higher-education-health-science-professions-level-3-full-time/>] Level 3 course or an

Access to HE Childcare (Teaching) [<https://www.barnsley.ac.uk/course/access-higher-education-childcare-teaching-level-3-full-time/>] depending upon your age and achievement.

How much does the course cost?

Course fees: £480 Funding available. The fee includes a text book.

An introductory 6 week course must be completed at an additional cost of £99, full fee payable.

Related additional costs may include materials, equipment, etc. which are payable by all students.

19+ Students

Aged 19 or over and thinking about further education? You may be eligible for free or reduced course fees. Please refer to our page ['paying for your course.'](#)

Financial support

You may be eligible for assistance with expenses such as travel, books, equipment and childcare. For further information please contact the Student Services Team on +44 (0)1226 216 114.

Extra information

Contact the Information Unit

For further information please contact our friendly Information Team on +44 (0)1226 216 123 or email info@barnsley.ac.uk [mailto:info@barnsley.ac.uk]

Additional Learning Support

Our Additional Learning Support team can provide you with the support you need. Please contact them on +44 (0)1226 216 769.

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