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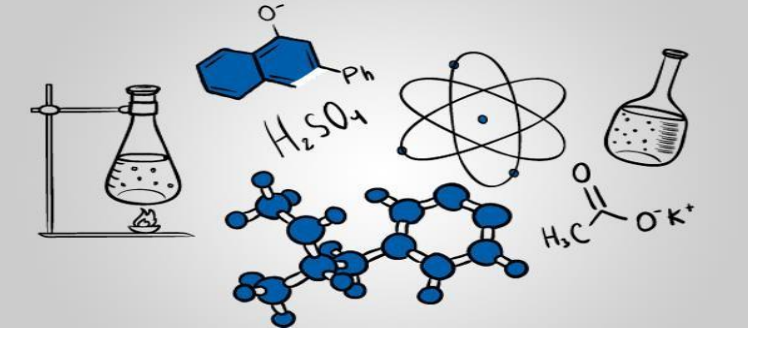
So you are considering A level Chemistry?

This pack contains a programme of activities and resources for you to start A level in Chemistry in September. It is aimed to be used after you complete your GCSE, throughout the remainder of the summer term and over the summer holidays to ensure you are ready to start your course in September.



Tasks to be completed:

1. AQA GCSE progression activities.
2. Pre-knowledge A level topics.
3. Research tasks

GCSE to A-level progression:

Student transition activities –Chemistry

Student booklet with information about:

- the specification and structure of the assessment
- and key skills activities to support the move from GCSE to A-level Chemistry.

Aim of the booklet

This booklet will support your transition from GCSE science to A-level. At first, you may find the jump in demand a little daunting, but if you follow the tips and advice in this guide, you'll soon adapt. As you follow the course you will see how the skills and content you learnt at GCSE will be developed and your knowledge and understanding of all these elements will progress.

We have organised the guide into two sections:

1. Understanding the specification and the assessments
2. Transition activities to bridge the move from GCSE to the start of the A-level course.

Understanding the specification and the assessments

Specification at a glance

The specification is a useful reference document for you. You can download a copy from our website here.

The most relevant areas of the specification for students are the following:

Section 3: Subject content

Section 6: Maths requirements and examples

Section 7: Practical assessment

In Chemistry the subject content is split into three broad areas:

3.1 Physical chemistry
3.2 Inorganic chemistry
3.3 Organic chemistry

There are several sections within each of these broad areas. The content of each of these three broad areas is then split between AS and A-level.

The split of content between AS and A-level is shown in the tables below.

Content common to AS and A-level

3.1 Physical chemistry	3.2 Inorganic chemistry	3.3 Organic chemistry
3.1.1 Atomic structure	3.2.1 Periodicity	3.3.1 Introduction to organic chemistry
3.1.2 Amount of substance	3.2.2 Group 2, the alkaline earth metals	3.3.2 Alkanes
3.1.3 Bonding	3.2.3 Group 7(17), the halogens	3.3.3 Halogenoalkanes
3.1.4 Energetics		3.3.4 Alkenes
3.1.5 Kinetics		3.3.5 Alcohols
3.1.6 Chemical equilibrium, Le Chatelier's principle and K_c		3.3.6 Organic analysis
3.1.7 Oxidation, reduction and redox equations		

A-level only content

3.1 Physical chemistry	3.2 Inorganic chemistry	3.3 Organic chemistry
3.1.8 Thermodynamics	3.2.4 Properties of Period 3 elements and their oxides	3.3.7 Optical isomerism
3.1.9 Rates of equations	3.2.5 Transition metals	3.3.8 Aldehydes and ketones
3.1.10 Equilibrium constant K_p for homogeneous systems	3.2.6 Reactions of ions in aqueous solution	3.3.9 Carboxylic acids and derivatives
3.1.11 Electrode potentials and electrochemical cells		3.3.10 Aromatic chemistry
3.1.12 Acids and bases		3.3.11 Amines
		3.3.12 Polymers
		3.3.13 Amino acids, proteins and DNA
		3.3.14 Organic synthesis
		3.3.15 Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy
		3.3.16 Chromatography

Each section of the content begins with an overview, which describes the broader context and encourages an understanding of the place each section has within the subject. This overview will not be directly assessed.

The specification is presented in a two-column format:

- the left-hand column contains the specification content that you must cover, and that can be assessed in the written papers.
- the right-hand column exemplifies the opportunities for maths and practical skills to be developed throughout the course. These skills can be assessed through any of the content on the written papers, not necessarily in the topics we have signposted.

Assessment structure

AS

The assessment for the AS consists of two exams, which you will take at the end of the course.

Paper 1	+	Paper 2
What's assessed • Relevant Physical chemistry topics (sections 3.1.1 to 3.1.4, 3.1.6 and 3.1.7) • Inorganic chemistry (Section 3.2.1 to 3.2.3) • Relevant practical skills		**What's assessed** • Relevant Physical chemistry topics (sections 3.1.2 to 3.1.6) • Organic chemistry (Section 3.3.1 to 3.3.6) • Relevant practical skills
How it's assessed • Written exam: 1 hour 30 mins • 80 marks • 50% of the AS		**How it's assessed** • Written exam: 1 hour 30 mins • 80 marks • 50% of the AS
Questions • 65 marks of short and long answer questions • 15 marks of multiple choice questions		**Questions** • 65 marks of short and long answer questions • 15 marks of multiple choice questions

A-level

The assessment for the A-level consists of three exams, which you will take at the end of the course.

Paper 1	Paper 2	Paper 3
What's assessed • Relevant Physical chemistry topics (sections 3.1.1 to 3.1.4, 3.1.6 to 3.1.8 and 3.1.10 to 3.1.12) • Inorganic chemistry (Section 3.2) • Relevant practical skills	**What's assessed** • Relevant Physical chemistry topics (sections 3.1.2 to 3.1.6 and 3.1.9) • Organic chemistry (Section 3.3) • Relevant practical skills	**What's assessed** • Any content • Any practical skills
How it's assessed • Written exam: 2 hours • 105 marks • 35% of the A-level	**How it's assessed** • Written exam: 2 hours • 105 marks • 35% of the A-level	**How it's assessed** • Written exam: 2 hours • 90 marks • 30% of the A-level
Questions • 105 marks of long and short answer questions	**Questions** • 105 marks of short and long answer questions.	**Questions** • 40 marks of questions on practical techniques and data analysis • 20 marks of questions testing across the specification • 30 marks of multiple choice questions

Assessment objectives

As you know from GCSE, we have to write exam questions that address the Assessment objectives (AOs). It is important you understand what these AOs are, so you are well prepared. In Chemistry there are three AOs.

- AO1: Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques, and procedures (A-level about 30% of the marks).
- AO2: Apply knowledge and understanding of scientific ideas, processes, techniques, and procedures:
    - in a theoretical context
    - in a practical context
    - when handling qualitative data
    - when handling quantitative data

  (A-level about 45% of the marks).
- AO3: Analyse, interpret, and evaluate scientific information, ideas, and evidence, including in relation to:
    - make judgements and reach conclusions
    - develop and refine practical design and procedures

  (A-level about 25% of the marks).

Other assessment criteria

At least 20% of the marks for AS and A-level Chemistry will assess mathematical skills, which will be equivalent to Level 2 (Higher Tier GCSE Mathematics) or above.

At least 15% of the overall assessment of AS and A-level Chemistry will assess knowledge, skills and understanding in relation to practical work.

Command words

Command words are used in questions to tell you what is required when answering the question. You can find definitions of the command words used in chemistry assessments on the website. They are very similar to the command words used at GCSE.

Subject-specific vocabulary

You can find a list of definitions of key working scientifically terms used in our AS and A-level specification here.

You will become familiar with, and gain understanding of, these terms as you work through the course.

Transition activities

The following activities cover some of the key skills from GCSE science that will be relevant at AS and A-level. They include the vocabulary used when working scientifically and some maths and practical skills.

You can do these activities independently or in class. The booklet has been produced so you can complete it electronically or print it out and do the activities on paper.

The activities are **not a test**. Try the activities first and see what you remember and then use textbooks or other resources to answer the questions. **Don't** just go to Google for the answers, as actively engaging with your notes and resources from GCSE will make this learning experience much more worthwhile.

The answer booklet guides you through each answer. It is not set out like an exam mark scheme but is to help you get the most out of the activities.

Understanding and using scientific vocabulary

Understanding and applying the correct terms are key for practical science. Much of the vocabulary you have used at GCSE for practical work will not change but some terms are dealt with in more detail at A-level so are more complex.

Activity 1 Scientific vocabulary: Designing an investigation

Link each term on the left to the correct definition on the right.

Term	Definition
Hypothesis	The maximum and minimum values of the independent or dependent variable
Dependent variable	A variable that is kept constant during an experiment
Independent variable	The quantity between readings, eg a set of 11 readings equally spaced over a distance of 1 metre would give an interval of 10 centimetres
Control variable	A proposal intended to explain certain facts or observations
Range	A variable that is measured as the outcome of an experiment
Interval	A variable selected by the investigator and whose values are changed during the investigation

Activity 2 Scientific vocabulary: Making measurements

Link each term on the left to the correct definition on the right.

Term	Definition
True value	The range within which you would expect the true value to lie
Accurate	A measurement that is close to the true value
Resolution	Repeated measurements that are very similar to the calculated mean value
Precise	The value that would be obtained in an ideal measurement where there were no errors of any kind
Uncertainty	The smallest change that can be measured using the measuring instrument that gives a readable change in the reading

Activity 3 Scientific vocabulary: Errors

Link each term on the left to the correct definition on the right.

Term	Definition
Random error	Causes readings to differ from the true value by a consistent amount each time a measurement is made
Systematic error	When there is an indication that a measuring system gives a false reading when the true value of a measured quantity is zero
Zero error	Causes readings to be spread about the true value, due to results varying in an unpredictable way from one measurement to the next

Understanding and using SI units

Every measurement has a size (eg 2.7) and a unit (eg metres or kilograms). Sometimes, there are different units available for the same type of measurement. For example, milligram, gram, kilogram and tonne are all units used for mass.

There is a standard system of units, called the SI units, which are used for most scientific purposes.

These units have all been defined by experiment so that the size of, say, a metre in the UK is the same as a metre in China.

There are seven SI base units, which are given in the table.

Physical quantity	Unit	Abbreviation
Mass	kilogram	kg
Length	metre	m
Time	second	s
Electric current	ampere	A
Temperature	kelvin	K
Amount of substance	mole	mol
luminous intensity	candela	cd

All other units can be derived from the SI base units. For example, area is measured in metres square (written as m^2) and speed is measured in metres per second (written as m s^{-1}: not that this is a change from GCSE, where it would be written as m/s).

Using prefixes and powers of ten

Very large and very small numbers can be complicated to work with if written out in full with their SI unit. For example, measuring the width of a hair or the distance from Manchester to London in metres (the SI unit for length) would give numbers with a lot of zeros before or after the decimal point, which would be difficult to work with.

So, we use prefixes that multiply or divide the numbers by different powers of ten to give numbers that are easier to work with. You will be familiar with the prefixes milli (meaning 1/1000), centi (1/100), and kilo (1 × 1000) from millimetres, centimetres and kilometres.

There is a wide range of prefixes. Most of the quantities in scientific contexts will be quoted using the prefixes that are multiples of 1000. For example, we would quote a distance of 33 000 m as
33 km.

The most common prefixes you will encounter are given in the table.

Prefix	Symbol	Power of 10	Multiplication factor	
Tera	T	10^{12}	1 000 000 000 000	
Giga	G	10^{9}	1 000 000 000	
Mega	M	10^{6}	1 000 000	
kilo	k	10^{3}	1000	
deci	d	10^{-1}	0.1	1/10
centi	c	10^{-2}	0.01	1/100
milli	m	10^{-3}	0.001	1/1000
micro	µ	10^{-6}	0.000 001	1/1 000 000
nano	n	10^{-9}	0.000 000 001	1/1 000 000 000
pico	p	10^{-12}	0.000 000 000 001	1/1 000 000 000 000
femto	f	10^{-15}	0.000 000 000 000 001	1/1 000 000 000 000 000

Activity 4 SI units and prefixes

1. What would be the most appropriate unit to use for the following measurements?

    a. The mass of water in a test tube.
    b. The volume of water in a burette.
    c. The time taken for a solution to change colour.
    d. The radius of a gold atom.
    e. The number of particles eg atoms in a chemical.
    f. The temperature of a liquid.

2. Re-write the following quantities using the correct SI units.

    a. 0.5 litres
    b. 5 minutes
    c. 20 °C
    d. 70 °F
    e. 10 ml (millilitres)
    f. 5.5 tonnes
    g. 96.4 microlitres (μl)

3. Scientists have been developing the production of a new material through the reaction of two constituents.

    Before going to commercial production, the scientists must give their data in the correct SI units.

    a. The flow rate of the critical chemical was reported as 240 grams per minute at a temperature of 20 °C.
    Re-write this flow rate using the correct SI units. Show your working.

Activity 5 Converting data

Re-write the following.

1. 0.1 metres in millimetres
2. 1 centimetre in millimetres
3. 104 micrograms in grams
4. 1.1202 kilometres in metres
5. 70 decilitres in millilitres
6. 70 decilitres in litres
7. 10 cm^3 in litres
8. 2140 pascals in kilopascals

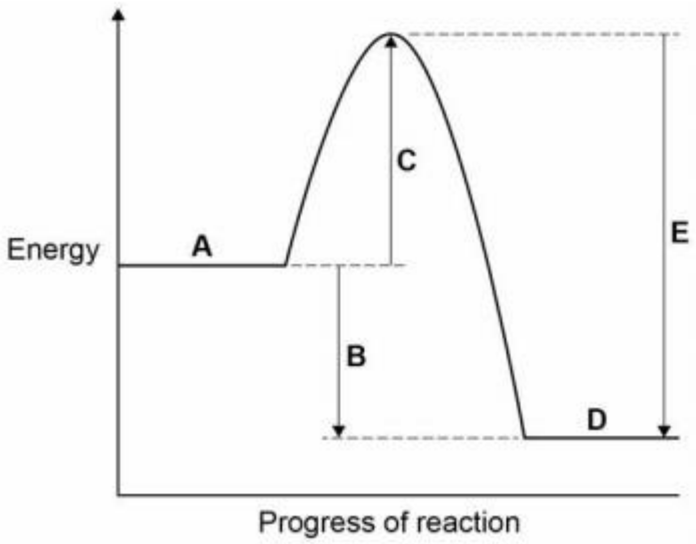
The delta symbol (Δ)

The delta symbol (Δ) is used to mean 'change in'. You might not have seen this symbol before in your GCSE Chemistry course, although it is used in some equations in GCSE Physics.

Activity 6 Using the delta symbol

In exothermic and endothermic reactions there are energy changes.

The diagram below shows the reaction profile for the reaction between zinc and copper sulfate solution.



1. Which letter represents the products of the reaction?

2. Which letter represents the activation energy?

3. Complete the sentence using the words below.

The reaction is ________________ and therefore ΔH is ________________

endothermic exothermic negative positive

Practical skills

The practical skills you learnt at GCSE will be further developed through the practicals you undertake at A-level. Your teacher will explain in more detail the requirements for practical work in Chemistry.

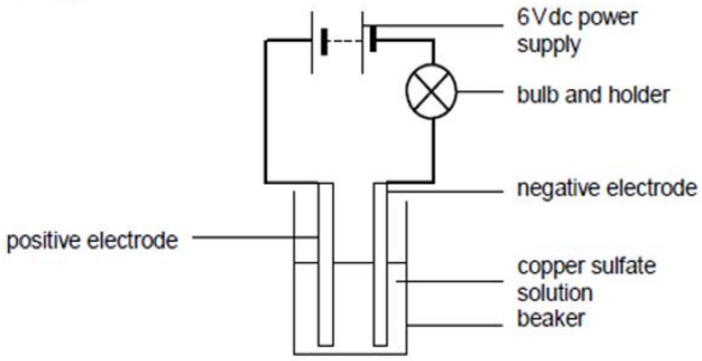
There is a practical handbook for Chemistry, which has lots of very useful information to support you in developing these important skills. You can download a copy here:

Activity 7 Electrolysis

Students were investigating if the time the current flows through an electrolyte affects the amount of copper deposited on the negative electrode.

Equipment:

Measuring cylinder
Balance
Two suitable electrodes eg carbon rods
6V bulb and holder
0.5 moles per dm^3 copper sulfate solution
Stopwatch
Wires
Power supply
100 cm^3 beaker



Method:

1. Measure 50cm^3 of the copper sulfate solution into the beaker.
2. Measure and record the mass of the negative electrode.
3. Set up the circuit, setting the power pack at 6V dc.
4. Turn on the power supply for the time you have been given, then turn the power pack off.
5. Remove and carefully dry the negative electrode.
6. Measure and record the mass of the negative electrode.

1. Write a hypothesis for this investigation.
2. What do you predict will be the result of this investigation?
3. For this investigation, give
    a. the independent variable
    b. the dependent variable
    c. a control variable.
4. What is the difference between repeatable and reproducible results?

5. What would be the most likely resolution of the balance you use in a school lab?

6. How could you make the reading more precise?

7. Random errors cause readings to be spread about the true value.

   How could you reduce the effect of random errors and make the results more accurate?

8. The results the student recorded are given in the table.

Time / minutes	Increase in mass / g			Mean
2	0.62	0.64	0.45	
4	0.87	0.83	0.86	
6	0.99	1.02	0.97	
8	1.06	1.05	1.08	
10	1.10	1.12	1.10	

Calculate the mean increase in mass for each time measurement.

9. Plot a graph of your results.

Using maths skills

Throughout your A-level Chemistry course you will need to be able to use maths skills you have developed in your GCSE Chemistry and GCSE maths courses, such as using standard form, rounding correctly and quoting your answer to an appropriate number of significant figures.

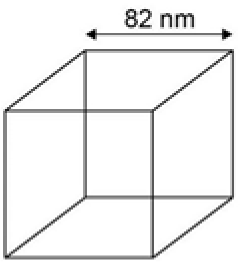
Activity 8 Using maths skills

1. Write the following numbers in standard form:

   a. 4000
   b. 1 000 000

2. Zinc oxide can be produced as nanoparticles.

   A nanoparticle of zinc oxide is a cube of side 82nm.



   Calculate the surface area of a nanoparticle of zinc oxide. Give your answer in standard form

3. Express the following numbers to 3 significant figures:

   a. 57 658
   b. 0.045346

4. Toothpaste may contain sodium fluoride (NaF).

   The concentration of sodium fluoride can be expressed in parts per million (ppm). 1 ppm represents a concentration of 1 mg in every 1 kg of toothpaste.

   A 1.00 g sample of toothpaste was found to contain 2.88×10^{-5} mol of sodium fluoride.

Calculate the concentration of sodium fluoride, in ppm, for the sample of toothpaste.

Give your answer to 3 significant figures.

Use the following information to help you

To convert moles to grams use g = moles × relative formula mass

Relative formula mass of NaF = 42

Using the periodic table

During your course you will need to become familiar with the periodic table of the elements, and be able to use information from the table to answer questions.

There is a copy of the periodic table that you will be given to use in your exams on the next page.

The Periodic Table of the Elements

Key

relative atomic mass
symbol
name
atomic (proton) number

1 (1)	2 (2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	3 (13)	4 (14)	5 (15)	6 (16)	7 (17)	0 (18)
							1.0 **H** hydrogen 1										4.0 **He** helium 2
6.9 **Li** lithium 3	9.0 **Be** beryllium 4											10.8 **B** boron 5	12.0 **C** carbon 6	14.0 **N** nitrogen 7	16.0 **O** oxygen 8	19.0 **F** fluorine 9	20.2 **Ne** neon 10
23.0 **Na** sodium 11	24.3 **Mg** magnesium 12											27.0 **Al** aluminium 13	28.1 **Si** silicon 14	31.0 **P** phosphorus 15	32.1 **S** sulfur 16	35.5 **Cl** chlorine 17	39.9 **Ar** argon 18
39.1 **K** potassium 19	40.1 **Ca** calcium 20	45.0 **Sc** scandium 21	47.9 **Ti** titanium 22	50.9 **V** vanadium 23	52.0 **Cr** chromium 24	54.9 **Mn** manganese 25	55.8 **Fe** iron 26	58.9 **Co** cobalt 27	58.7 **Ni** nickel 28	63.5 **Cu** copper 29	65.4 **Zn** zinc 30	69.7 **Ga** gallium 31	72.6 **Ge** germanium 32	74.9 **As** arsenic 33	79.0 **Se** selenium 34	79.9 **Br** bromine 35	83.8 **Kr** krypton 36
85.5 **Rb** rubidium 37	87.6 **Sr** strontium 38	88.9 **Y** yttrium 39	91.2 **Zr** zirconium 40	92.9 **Nb** niobium 41	96.0 **Mo** molybdenum 42	[97] **Tc** technetium 43	101.1 **Ru** ruthenium 44	102.9 **Rh** rhodium 45	106.4 **Pd** palladium 46	107.9 **Ag** silver 47	112.4 **Cd** cadmium 48	114.8 **In** indium 49	118.7 **Sn** tin 50	121.8 **Sb** antimony 51	127.6 **Te** tellurium 52	126.9 **I** iodine 53	131.3 **Xe** xenon 54
132.9 **Cs** caesium 55	137.3 **Ba** barium 56	138.9 **La** * lanthanum 57	178.5 **Hf** hafnium 72	180.9 **Ta** tantalum 73	183.8 **W** tungsten 74	186.2 **Re** rhenium 75	190.2 **Os** osmium 76	192.2 **Ir** iridium 77	195.1 **Pt** platinum 78	197.0 **Au** gold 79	200.6 **Hg** mercury 80	204.4 **Tl** thallium 81	207.2 **Pb** lead 82	209.0 **Bi** bismuth 83	[209] **Po** polonium 84	[210] **At** astatine 85	[222] **Rn** radon 86
[223] **Fr** francium 87	[226] **Ra** radium 88	[227] **Ac** † actinium 89	[267] **Rf** rutherfordium 104	[270] **Db** dubnium 105	[269] **Sg** seaborgium 106	[270] **Bh** bohrium 107	[270] **Hs** hassium 108	[278] **Mt** meitnerium 109	[281] **Ds** darmstadtium 110	[281] **Rg** roentgenium 111	[285] **Cn** copernicium 112	[286] **Nh** nihonium 113	[289] **Fl** flerovium 114	[289] **Mc** moscovium 115	[293] **Lv** livermorium 116	[294] **Ts** tennessine 117	[294] **Og** oganesson 118

* **58 – 71** Lanthanides	140.1 **Ce** cerium 58	140.9 **Pr** praseodymium 59	144.2 **Nd** neodymium 60	[145] **Pm** promethium 61	150.4 **Sm** samarium 62	152.0 **Eu** europium 63	157.3 **Gd** gadolinium 64	158.9 **Tb** terbium 65	162.5 **Dy** dysprosium 66	164.9 **Ho** holmium 67	167.3 **Er** erbium 68	168.9 **Tm** thulium 69	173.0 **Yb** ytterbium 70	175.0 **Lu** lutetium 71
† **90 – 103** Actinides	232.0 **Th** thorium 90	231.0 **Pa** protactinium 91	238.0 **U** uranium 92	[237] **Np** neptunium 93	[244] **Pu** plutonium 94	[243] **Am** americium 95	[247] **Cm** curium 96	[247] **Bk** berkelium 97	[251] **Cf** californium 98	[252] **Es** einsteinium 99	[257] **Fm** fermium 100	[258] **Md** mendelevium 101	[259] **No** nobelium 102	[262] **Lr** lawrencium 103

Activity 9 Atoms

1. Give the atomic number of:

    a. Osmium
    b. Lead
    c. Sodium
    d. Chlorine

2. Give the relative atomic mass (A_r) of:

    a. Helium
    b. Francium
    c. Barium
    d. Oxygen

3. What is the number of neutrons in each of the following elements?

    a. Fluorine
    b. Beryllium
    c. Gold

Activity 10 Formulae of common compounds

State the formulae of the following compounds:

1. Methane

2. Sulfuric acid

3. Potassium manganate (VII)

4. Water

Activity 11 Ions and ionic compounds

The table below lists the formulae of some common ions.

Positive ions		**Negative ions**	
Name	**Formula**	**Name**	**Formula**
Aluminium	Al^{3+}	Bromide	Br^{-}
Ammonium	NH_4^{+}	Carbonate	CO_3^{2-}
Barium	Ba^{2+}	Chloride	Cl^{-}
Calcium	Ca^{2+}	Fluoride	F^{-}
Copper(II)	Cu^{2+}	Iodide	I^{-}
Hydrogen	H^{+}	Hydroxide	OH^{-}
Iron(II)	Fe^{2+}	Nitrate	NO_3^{-}
Iron(III)	Fe^{3+}	Oxide	O_2^{-}
Lead	Pb^{2+}	Sulfate	SO_4^{2-}
Lithium	Li^{+}	Sulfide	S^{2-}
Magnesium	Mg^{2+}		
Potassium	K^{+}		
Silver	Ag^{+}		
Sodium	Na^{+}		
Zinc	Zn^{2+}		

Use the table to state the formulae for the following ionic compounds.

1. Magnesium bromide
2. Barium oxide
3. Zinc chloride
4. Ammonium chloride
5. Ammonium carbonate
6. Aluminium bromide
7. Calcium nitrate
8. Iron (II) sulfate
9. Iron (III) sulfate

Activity 12 Empirical formula

Use the periodic table on page 21 to help you answer these questions.

1. The smell of a pineapple is caused by ethyl butanoate.
   A sample is known to contain:

   0.360 g of carbon
   0.060 g of hydrogen
   0.160 g of oxygen.

   What is the empirical formula of ethyl butyrate?

2. What is the empirical formula of a compound containing:

   0.479 g of titanium
   0.180 g of carbon
   0.730 g of oxygen

3. A 300g sample of a substance is analysed and found to contain only carbon, hydrogen and oxygen.
   The sample contains 145.9 g of carbon and 24.32 g of hydrogen.

   What is the empirical formula of the compound?

4. Another 300 g sample is known to contain only carbon, hydrogen and oxygen.
   The percentage of carbon is found to be exactly the same as the percentage of oxygen.
   The percentage of hydrogen is known to be 5.99%.

   What is the empirical formula of the compound?

Activity 13 Balancing equations

1. Write balanced symbol equations for the following reactions.

   You'll need to use the information on the previous pages to work out the formulae of the compounds.

   Remember some of the elements may be diatomic molecules.

   a. Aluminium + oxygen → aluminium oxide

   b. Methane + oxygen → carbon dioxide + water

   c. Calcium carbonate + hydrochloric acid → calcium chloride + water + carbon dioxide

2. Chalcopyrite is a sulfide mineral with formula $CuFeS_2$.

   Chalcopyrite is the most important copper ore. It is a sulfide mineral, a member of iron (2+) sulfides and a copper sulfide.

   Copper can be produced from rock that contains $CuFeS_2$ in two stages.

   Balance the equations for the two stages in this process.
   Hint: remember that sometimes fractions have to be used to balance equations.

   Stage 1: $CuFeS_2$ + O2 + SiO_2 → Cu_2S + Cu_2O + SO_2 + FeSiO →

   Stage 2: Cu_2S + CuO → Cu + SO2

Activity 14 Moles

The amount of a substance is measured in moles (the SI unit). The mass of one mole of a substance in grams is numerically equal to the relative formula mass of the substance. One mole of a substance contains the same number of the stated particles, atoms or ions as one mole of any other substance. The number of atoms, molecules or ions in a mole of a given substance is the Avogadro constant. The value of the Avogadro constant is

6.02×10^{23} per mole.

Complete the table. Use the periodic table on page 21 to help you.

Substance	Mass of substance in grams	Amount in moles	Number of particles
Helium			18.12×10^{23}
Chlorine (Cl)	14.2		
Methane		4	
Sulfuric acid	4.905		

Activity 15 Isotopes and calculating relative atomic mass

1. What is the relative atomic mass of bromine if the two isotopes ^{79}Br and ^{81}Br exist in equal amounts?

2. A sample of neon is made up of three isotopes:

   ^{20}Ne accounts for 90.9%
   ^{21}Ne accounts for 0.3%
   ^{22}Ne accounts for 8.8%.

   What is the relative atomic mass of neon?
   Give your answer to 4 significant figures.

3. Copper's isotopes are ^{63}Cu and ^{65}Cu.

   If the relative atomic mass of copper is 63.5, what are the relative abundances of these isotopes?

Extended writing

The ability to write coherently in a logical, well-structured way is an essential skill to develop. At GCSE the 6-mark extended response questions are used so students can demonstrate this skill. At A-level you will still need to write precise answers using the correct scientific language.

The command word in a question, like at GCSE, is important as it gives you an indication of what to include in your answers. For example, 'explain' means you must give reasons why things are happening, not just give a description. A comparison needs advantages and disadvantages or points for and against.

Activity 16 Types of bonding
Compare the similarities and differences between ionic, covalent and metallic bonding.

Pre-Knowledge Topics

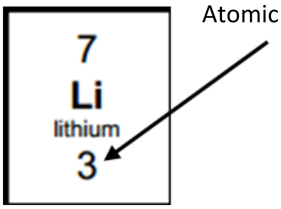
A level chemistry will use your knowledge from GCSE and build on this to help you understand new and more demanding ideas. Complete the following tasks to make sure your knowledge is up to date and you are ready to start studying:

Chemistry Topic 1 – Electronic structure, how electrons are arranged around the nucleus

A periodic table can give you the proton / atomic number of an element, this also tells you how many electrons are in the atom.

You will have used the rule of electrons shell filling, where:

The first shell holds up to 2 electrons, the second up to 8, the third up to 8 and the fourth up to 18 (or you may have been told 8).



Atomic number =3, electrons = 3, arrangement 2 in the first shell and 1 in the second or

Li = 2,1

At A level you will learn that the electron structure is more complex than this and can be used to explain a lot of the chemical properties of elements.

The 'shells' can be broken down into 'orbitals', which are given letters: 's' orbitals, 'p' orbitals and 'd' orbitals.

You can read about orbitals here:

http://bit.ly/pixlchem1

http://www.chemguide.co.uk/atoms/properties/atomorbs.html#top

Now that you are familiar with s, p and d orbitals try these problems. Write your answer in the format:

1s2, 2s2, 2p6 etc.

Q1. Write out the electron configuration of:

a) Ca b) Al c) S d) Cl e) Ar f) Fe g) V h) Ni i) Cu j) Zn k) As

Q2. Extension question, can you write out the electron arrangement of the following ions:

a) K+ b) O2- c) Zn2+ d) V5+ e) Co2+

Chemistry Topic 2 – Oxidation and reduction

At GCSE you learnt that oxidation is adding oxygen to an atom or molecule and that reduction is removing oxygen, or that oxidation is removing hydrogen and reduction is adding hydrogen. You may have also learnt that oxidation is removing electrons and reduction is adding electrons.

At A level we use the idea of oxidation number a lot!

You know that the metals in group 1 react to form ions that are +1, i.e. Na+ and that group 7, the halogens, form -1 ions, i.e. Br -.

We say that sodium, when it has reacted, has an oxidation number of +1 and that bromide has an oxidation number of -1.

All atoms that are involved in a reaction can be given an oxidation number.

An element, Na or O2, is always given an oxidation state of zero (0). Any element that has reacted has an oxidation state of + or -.

As removing electrons is reduction, if, in a reaction the element becomes more negative it has been reduced, if it becomes more positive it has been oxidised.

-5 0 +5

You can read about the rules for assigning oxidation numbers here:

http://www.dummies.com/how-to/content/rules-for-assigning-oxidation-numbers-to-elements.html

Elements that you expect to have a specific oxidation state actually have different states, so for example you would expect chlorine to be -1. It can have many oxidation states: NaClO, in this compound it has an oxidation state of +1
There are a few simple rules to remember:
Metals have a + oxidation state when they react.
Oxygen is 'king', it always has an oxidation state of -2.
Hydrogen has an oxidation state of +1 (except metal hydrides).
The charges in a molecule must cancel.

Examples: Sodium nitrate, $NaNO_3$
Na +1   3x O^{2-}
+1   -6

To cancel: N = +5

sulfate ion, $SO_4{}^{2-}$
4xO^{2-} and 2- charges 'showing'
-8   -2

S = +6

Q2. Work out the oxidation state of the **underlined** atom in the following:
a) $Mg\underline{C}O_3$ b) $\underline{S}O_3$ c) $Na\underline{Cl}O_3$ d) $\underline{Mn}O_2$ e) $\underline{Fe}_2O_3$ f) $\underline{V}_2O_5$
g) $K\underline{Mn}O_4$ h) $\underline{Cr}_2O_7{}^{2-}$ i) $\underline{Cl}_2O_4$

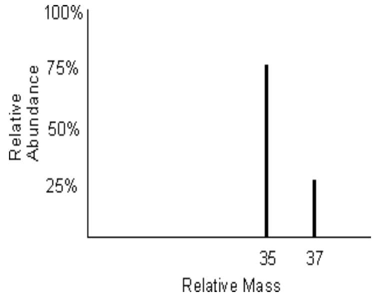
Chemistry Topic 3 – Isotopes and mass

You will remember that isotopes are elements that have differing numbers of neutrons. Hydrogen has 3 isotopes; $H^1{}_1$ H^2_1 H^3_1

Isotopes occur naturally, so in a sample of an element you will have a mixture of these isotopes. We can accurately measure the amount of an isotope using a **mass spectrometer**. You will need to understand what a mass spectrometer is and how it works at A level. You can read about a mass spectrometer here:

http://bit.ly/pixlchem3
http://www.kore.co.uk/tutorial.htm
http://bit.ly/pixlchem4
http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/chemistry/AQA-7404-7405-TN-MASS-SPECTROMETRY.PDF

Q1. What must happen to the atoms before they are accelerated in the mass spectrometer?
Q2. Explain why the different isotopes travel at different speeds in a mass spectrometer.
A mass spectrum for the element chlorine will give a spectrum like this:
75% of the sample consist of chlorine-35, and 25% of the sample is chlorine-37.
Given a sample of naturally occurring chlorine, ¾ of it will be Cl-35 and ¼ of it is Cl-37. We can calculate what the **mean** mass of the sample will be:



Mean mass = $\frac{75}{100} \times 35 + \frac{25}{100} \times 37 = 35.5$

If you look at a periodic table, this is why chlorine has an atomic mass of 35.5.
An A level periodic table has the masses of elements recorded much more accurately than at GCSE. Most elements have isotopes and these have been recorded using mass spectrometers.

GCSE

11 B boron 5	12 C carbon 6	14 N nitrogen 7	16 O oxygen 8	19 F fluorine 9
27 Al aluminium 13	28 Si silicon 14	31 P phosphorus 15	32 S sulfur 16	35.5 Cl chlorine 17

A Level

10.8 B 5 boron	12.0 C 6 carbon	14.0 N 7 nitrogen	16.0 O 8 oxygen	19.0 F 9 fluorine
27.0 Al 13 aluminium	28.1 Si 14 silicon	31.0 P 15 phosphorus	32.1 S 16 sulphur	35.5 Cl 17 chlorine

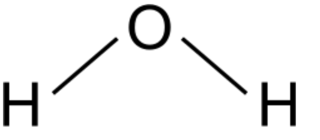
Given the percentage of each isotope you can calculate the mean mass which is the accurate atomic mass for that element.

Q3. Use the percentages of each isotope to calculate the accurate atomic mass of the following elements.

a. Antimony has 2 isotopes: Sb-121 57.25% and Sb-123 42.75%
b. Gallium has 2 isotopes: Ga-69 60.2% and Ga-71 39.8%
c. Silver has 2 isotopes: Ag-107 51.35% and Ag-109 48.65%
d. Thallium has 2 isotopes: Tl-203 29.5% and Tl-205 70.5%
e. Strontium has **4** isotopes: Sr-84 0.56%, Sr-86 9.86%, Sr-87 7.02% and Sr-88 82.56%

Chemistry Topic 4 – The shapes of molecules and bonding

Have you ever wondered why your teacher drew a water molecule like this?
The lines represent a covalent bond, but why draw them at an unusual angle?
If you are unsure about covalent bonding, read about it here:



http://bit.ly/pixlchem5
http://www.chemguide.co.uk/atoms/bonding/covalent.html#top

At A level you are also expected to know how molecules have certain shapes and why they are the shape they are. You can read about shapes of molecules here:

http://bit.ly/pixlchem6
http://www.chemguide.co.uk/atoms/bonding/shapes.html#top

Q1. Draw a dot and cross diagram to show the bonding in a molecule of aluminium chloride ($AlCl_3$)
Q2. Draw a dot and cross diagram to show the bonding in a molecule of ammonia (NH_3)
Q3. What is the shape and the bond angles in a molecule of methane (CH_4)?

Chemistry Topic 5 – Chemical equations

Balancing chemical equations is the stepping stone to using equations to calculate masses in chemistry.
There are loads of websites that give ways of balancing equations and lots of exercises in balancing.
Some of the equations to balance may involve strange chemicals- don't worry about that, the key idea is to get balancing right.

http://bit.ly/pixlchem7
http://www.chemteam.info/Equations/Balance-Equation.html

This website has a download; it is safe to do so:

http://bit.ly/pixlchem8
https://phet.colorado.edu/en/simulation/balancing-chemical-equations

Q5. Balance the following equations

a. $H_2 + 0_2 \rightarrow H_20$
b. $S_8 + 02 \rightarrow S0_3$
c. $HgO \rightarrow Hg + 0_2$
d. $Zn + HCl \rightarrow ZnCl_2 + H_2$
e. $Na + H_20 \rightarrow NaOH + H_2$
f. $C_{10}H_{16} + Cl_2 \rightarrow C + HCl$
g. $Fe + 0_2 \rightarrow Fe_20_3$
h. $C_6H_{12}0_6 + 0_2 \rightarrow C0_2 + H_20$
i. $Fe_20_3 + H_2 \rightarrow Fe + H_20$
j. $Al + FeO \rightarrow Al_2O_3 + Fe$

Chemistry Topic 6 – Measuring chemicals – the mole

From this point on you need to be using an A level periodic table, not a GCSE one. You can view one here:

http://bit.ly/pixlpertab
https://secondaryscience4all.files.wordpress.com/2014/08/filestore_aqa_org_uk_subjects_aqa-2420-w-trb-ptds_pdf.png

Now that we have our chemical equations balanced, we need to be able to use them in order to work out masses of chemicals we need or we can produce.

The ***mole*** is the chemists equivalent of a dozen. Atoms are so small that we cannot count them out individually, we weigh out chemicals.

For example: magnesium + sulfur → magnesium sulfide

$$Mg + S \rightarrow MgS$$

We can see that one atom of magnesium will react with one atom of sulfu. If we had to weigh out the atoms we need to know how heavy each atom is.

From the periodic table: Mg = 24.3 and S = 32.1

If I weigh out exactly 24.3g of magnesium this will be 1 mole of magnesium. If we counted how many atoms were present in this mass it would be a huge number (6.02×10^{23}!!!!). If I weigh out 32.1g of sulfur then I would have 1 mole of sulfur atoms.

So 24.3g of Mg will react precisely with 32.1g of sulfur, and will make 56.4g of magnesium sulfide.

Here is a comprehensive page on measuring moles, there are a number of descriptions, videos and practice problems.

You will find the first 6 tutorials of most use here, and problem sets 1 to 3.

http://bit.ly/pixlchem9
http://www.chemteam.info/Mole/Mole.html

Q1. Answer the following questions on moles.

How many moles of phosphorus pentoxide (P_4O_{10}) are in 85.2g?

How many moles of potassium are in 73.56g of potassium chlorate (V) ($KClO_3$)?

How many moles of water are in 249.6g of hydrated copper sulfate(VI) ($CuSO_4.5H_2O$)? For this one, you need to be aware the dot followed by $5H_2O$ means that the molecule comes with 5 water molecules so these have to be counted in as part of the molecules mass.

What is the mass of 0.125 moles of tin sulfate ($SnSO_4$)?

If I have 2.4g of magnesium, how many g of oxygen(O_2) will I need to react completely with the magnesium? $2Mg + O_2 \rightarrow MgO$

Chemistry Topic 7 – Solutions and concentrations

In chemistry a lot of the reactions we carry out involve mixing solutions rather than solids, gases or liquids.

You will have used bottles of acids in science that have labels saying 'Hydrochloric acid 1M', this is a solution of hydrochloric acid where 1 mole of HCl, hydrogen chloride (a gas) has been dissolved in $1dm^3$ of water.

The dm^3 is a cubic decimetre, it is actually 1 litre but from this point on as an A level chemist you will use the dm^3 as your volume measurement.

http://bit.ly/pixlchem10
http://www.docbrown.info/page04/4_73calcs11msc.htm

Q1.

a. What is the concentration (in mol dm^{-3}) of 9.53g of magnesium chloride ($MgCl_2$) dissolved in $100cm^3$ of water?
b. What is the concentration (in mol dm^{-3}) of 13.248g of lead nitrate ($Pb(NO_3)_2$) dissolved in $2dm^3$ of water?
c. If I add $100cm^3$ of 1.00 mol dm^3 HCl to $1.9dm^3$ of water, what is the molarity of the new solution?
d. What mass of silver is present in $100cm^3$ of $1moldm^{-3}$ silver nitrate ($AgNO_3$)?
e. The Dead Sea, between Jordan and Israel, contains 0.0526 $moldm^{-3}$ of Bromide ions (Br^-). What mass of bromine is in $1dm^3$ of Dead Sea water?

Chemistry topic 8 – Titrations

One key skill in A level chemistry is the ability to carry out accurate titrations. You may well have carried out a titration at GCSE, at A level you will have to carry them out very precisely **and** be able to describe in detail how to carry out a titration - there will be questions on the exam paper about how to carry out practical procedures.

You can read about how to carry out a titration here, the next page in the series (page 5) describes how to work out the concentration of the unknown.

http://bit.ly/pixlchem11

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/triple_aqa/further_analysis/analysing_substances/revision/4/

Remember for any titration calculation you need to have a balanced symbol equation; this will tell you the ratio in which the chemicals react.

E.g. a titration of an unknown sample of sulfuric acid with sodium hydroxide.

A 25.00cm^3 sample of the unknown sulfuric acid was titrated with 0.100moldm^{-3} sodium hydroxide and required exactly 27.40cm^3 for neutralisation. What is the concentration of the sulfuric acid?

Step 1: the equation $2NaOH + H_2SO_4 \rightarrow Na_2SO_4 + 2H_2O$

Step 2: the ratios 2 : 1

Step 3: how many moles of sodium hydroxide 27.40cm^3 = 0.0274dm^3

number of moles = c x v = 0.100 x 0.0274 = 0.00274 moles

step 4: using the ratio, how many moles of sulfuric acid

for every 2 NaOH there are 1 H_2SO_4 so, we must have 0.00274/2 =0.00137 moles of H_2SO_4

Step 5: calculate concentration. concentration = moles/volume ← in dm^3 = 0.00137/0.025 = ***0.0548 moldm^{-3}***

Here are some additional problems which are harder, ignore the questions about colour changes of indicators.

http://bit.ly/pixlchem12

http://www.docbrown.info/page06/Mtestsnotes/ExtraVolCalcs1.htm

Use the steps on the last page to help you.

Q1. A solution of barium nitrate will react with a solution of sodium sulfate to produce a precipitate of barium sulfate.

$Ba(NO_3)_2(aq) + Na_2SO_4(aq) \rightarrow BaSO_4(s) + 2NaNO_3(aq)$

What volume of 0.25moldm^{-3}sodium sulfate solution would be needed to precipitate all of the barium from 12.5cm^3 of 0.15 moldm^{-3} barium nitrate?

Chemistry Topic 10 – Acids, bases, pH

At GCSE you will know that an acid can dissolve in water to produce H^+ ions, at A level you will need a greater understanding of what an acid or a base is.

Read the following page and answer the questions

http://bit.ly/pixlchem15
http://www.chemguide.co.uk/physical/acidbaseeqia/theories.html#top

Q1. What is your new definition of what an acid is?
Q2. How does ammonia (NH_3) act as a base?

http://bit.ly/pixlchem16
http://www.chemguide.co.uk/physical/acidbaseeqia/acids.html#top

Q3 Ethanoic acid (vinegar) is a weak acid, what does this mean?
Q4 What is the pH of a solution of 0.01 moldm^{-3} of the strong acid, hydrochloric acid?

Chemistry Topic 9 – Organic chemistry – functional groups

At GCSE you would have come across **hydrocarbons** such as alkanes (ethane etc) and alkenes (ethene etc). You may have come across molecules such as alcohols and carboxylic acids. At A level you will learn about a wide range of molecules that have had atoms added to the carbon chain. These are called functional groups, they give the molecule certain physical and chemical properties that can make them incredibly useful to us.

Here you are going to meet a selection of the functional groups, learn a little about their properties and how we give them logical names.

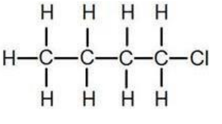
You will find a menu for organic compounds here:

http://bit.ly/pixlchem13
http://www.chemguide.co.uk/orgpropsmenu.html#top

And how to name organic compounds here:
http://bit.ly/pixlchem14
http://www.chemguide.co.uk/basicorg/conventions/names.html#top

Using the two links see if you can answer the following questions:

Q1. Halogenoalkanes



a. What is the name of this halogenoalkane?
b. How could you make it from butan-1-ol?

Q2. Alcohols

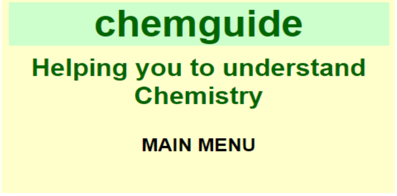
a. How could you make ethanol from ethene?
b. How does ethanol react with sodium and in what ways is this a) similar to the reaction with water, b) different to the reaction with water?

Q3. Aldehydes and ketones

a. Draw the structures of a) propanal, b) propanone
b. How are these two functional groups different?

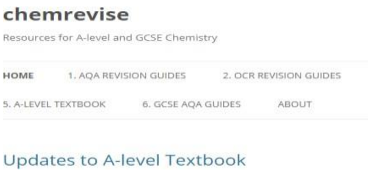
Science Websites

These websites all offer an amazing collection of resources that you should use again and again throughout your course.



This website is very detailed and identifies other resources which are sharing incorrect or outdated information and suggests the correct materials to use. The site also contains links to the syllabuses of many exam boards which means it is accessible and useful to all students.
https://www.chemguide.co.uk/

Doc Brown is a website dedicated to all three science subjects; physics, chemistry and biology. It provides the user with summarised notes (useful for making flash cards) and practice questions to further their knowledge and understanding.
The site provides resources from a wide range of exam boards including AQA, Edexcel, Chemistry, CCEA, OCR, WJEC, CIE and Salters from GCSE level to A2.
http://www.docbrown.info/



The site was first made to host revision guides that are written for AQA A-level Chemistry. These revision guides have already been circulating on the internet for a couple of years on places like student room. This will be the place for the most up to date versions of them. The site has now extended to cover other exam boards. (OCR and Edexcel)
https://chemrevise.org/

S-cool the revision website

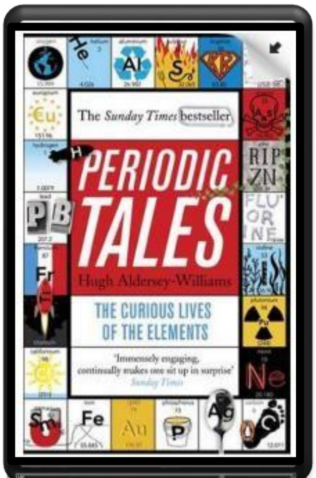
The free revision website for students studying GCSE and A-levels. S-cool provides revision guides, question banks, revision timetable and more
https://www.s-cool.co.uk/a-level/chemistry

CRASH COURSE

Tons of awesome courses in one awesome channel! Check out the playlists for past courses in physics, philosophy, games, economics, U.S. government and politics, astronomy, anatomy & physiology, world history, biology, literature, ecology, chemistry, psychology, and of course, chemistry!

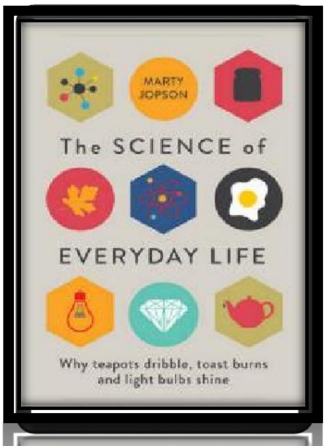
Book Recommendations

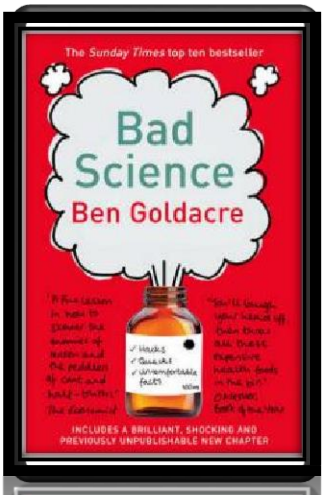
Kick back this summer with a good read. The books below are all popular science books and great for extending your understanding of chemistry



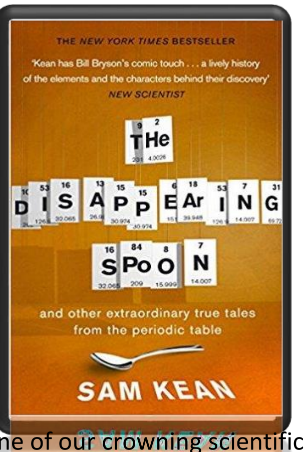
Periodic Tales: The Curious Lives of the Elements
This book covers the chemical elements, where they come from and how they are used. There are loads of fascinating insights into uses for chemicals you would have never even thought about.

The Science of Everyday Life: Why Teapots Dribble, Toast Burns and Light Bulbs Shine
The title says it all really, lots of interesting stuff about the things around your home!

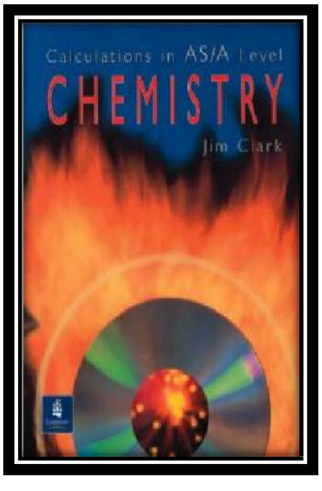




Bad Science
Here Ben Goldacre takes apart anyone who published bad / misleading or dodgy science – this book will make you think about everything the advertising industry tries to sell you by making it sound 'sciencey'.



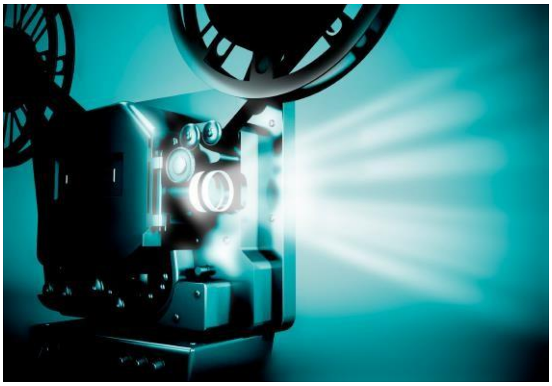
One of our crowning scientific achievements is also a treasure trove of passion, adventure, betrayal and obsession. The Disappearing Spoon follows the elements, their parts in human history, finance, mythology, conflict, the arts, medicine and the lives of the (frequently) mad scientists who discovered them.

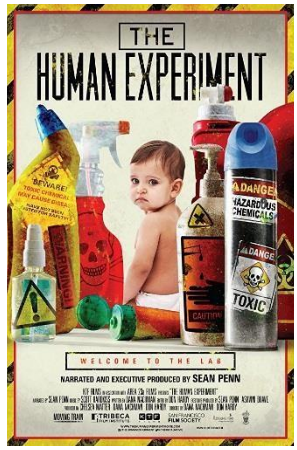


Calculations in AS/A Level Chemistry
If you struggle with the calculations side of chemistry, this is the book for you. Covers all the possible calculations you are ever likely to come across. Brought to you by the same guy who wrote the excellent chemguide.co.uk website.

Movie Recommendations

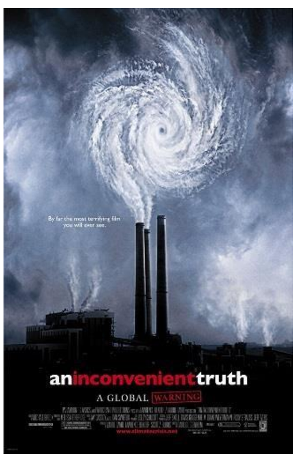
Everyone loves a good story and everyone loves some great science. Here are some of the picks of the best films based on real life scientists and discoveries. You wont find Jurassic Park on this list! We’ve looked back over the last 50 years to give you our top 5 films you might not have seen before. Great watching for a rainy day.



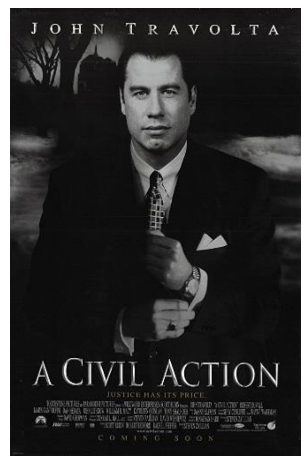


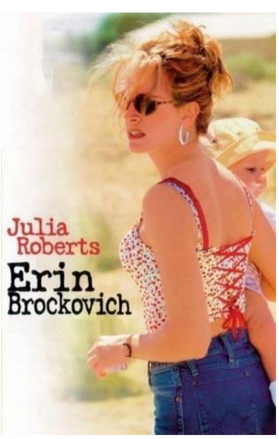
The Human Experiment (2013)
A documentary that explores chemicals found in everyday household products.

An Inconvenient Truth (2006)
Al Gore, former presidential candidate campaigns to raise public awareness of the dangers of global warming and calls for immediate action to curb its destructive effects on the environment.
(See also: An Inconvenient Sequel, 2017)

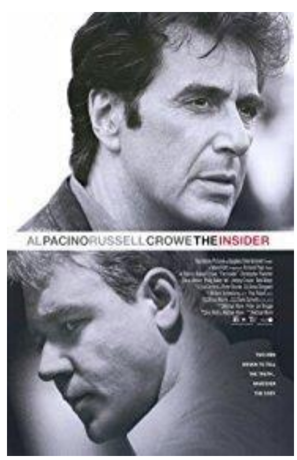


A Civil Action (1998)
A tenacious lawyer takes on a case involving a major company responsible for causing several people to be diagnosed with leukemia due to the town's water supply being contaminated, at the risk of bankrupting his firm and career.





Erin Brokovich (2000)
Based on a true story. An unemployed single mother becomes a legal assistant and almost single-handedly brings down a California power company accused of polluting a city's water supply.

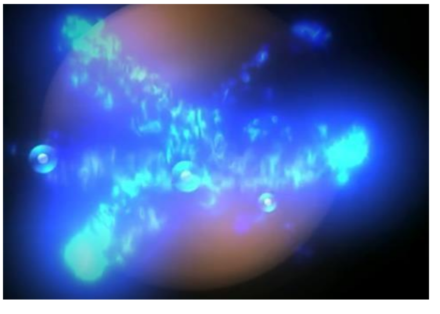


The Insider (1999)
A research chemist comes under personal and professional attack when he decides to appear in a "60 Minutes" expose on Big Tobacco.

Movie Recommendations

If you have 30 minutes to spare, here are some great presentations (and free!) from world leading scientists and researchers on a variety of topics. They provide some interesting answers and ask some thought-provoking questions. Use the link or scan the QR code to view:

Play with Smart Materials
Available at :
https://www.ted.com/talks/catarina_mota_play_with_smart_materials Ink that conducts electricity; a window that turns from clear to opaque at the flip of a switch; a jelly that makes music. All this stuff exists, it's time to play with it. A tour of surprising and cool new materials.



Just how small is an atom?
Available at :
https://www.ted.com/talks/just_how_small_is_an_atom
Just how small are atoms? Really, really, really small. This fast-paced animation from TED-Ed uses metaphors (imagine a blueberry the size of a football stadium!) to give a visceral sense of just how small atoms are.

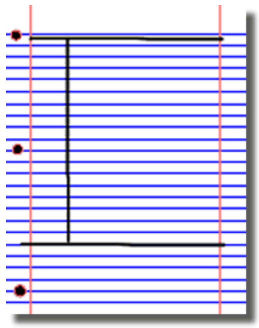
Battling Bad Science
Available at :
https://www.ted.com/talks/ben_goldacre_battling_bad_science#t-44279
Every day there are news reports of new health advice, but how can you know if they're right? Doctor and epidemiologist Ben Goldacre shows us, at high speed, the ways evidence can be distorted, from the blindingly obvious nutrition claims to the very subtle tricks of the pharmaceutical industry.

How Spectroscopy Could Reveal Alien Life
Available at :
https://www.ted.com/talks/garik_israelian_what_s_inside_a_star
Garik Israelian is a spectroscopist, studying the spectrum emitted by a star to figure out what it's made of and how it might behave. It's a rare and accessible look at this discipline, which may be coming close to finding a planet friendly to life.

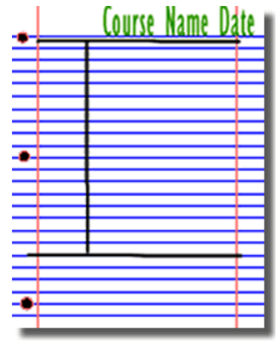
Research Activities

Research, reading and note making are essential skills for A level chemistry study. For the following task, you are going to produce 'Cornell Notes' to summarise your reading.

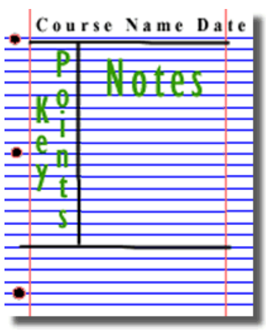
1. Divide your page into three sections like this



2. Write the name, date and topic at the top of the page



3. Use the large box to make notes. Leave a space between separate idea. Abbreviate where possible.



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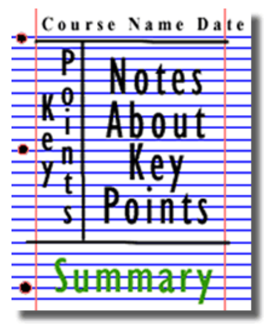
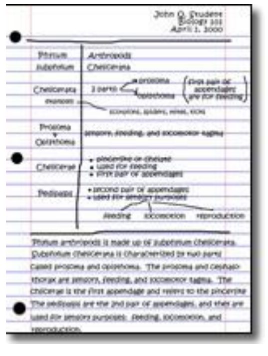


5. Write a summary of the main ideas in the bottom space



Images taken from http://coe.jmu.edu/learningtoolbox/cornellnotes.html

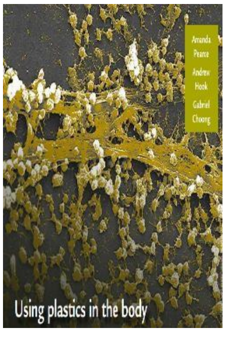
Research Activities

Aimed at students aged 14-19, Catalyst magazine is packed with interesting articles on cutting-edge science, interviews and new research written by leading academics. It also includes a booklet of teacher's notes, full of ideas and lesson plans to bring the articles to life in the classroom.

For each of the following topics you are going to use the resources to produce one page of Cornell style notes.

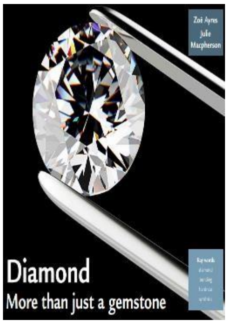
Use the links of scan the QR code to take you to the resources.

Topic 1: Using Plastics in the Body
Available at:
https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/elibrary/resource/382317/using-plastics-body
This Catalyst article looks at how scientists are learning to use polymers for many medical applications, including implants, bone repairs and reduction in infections.



Topic 2: Catching a Cheat
Available at:
https://www.stem.org.uk/system/files/elibrary-resources/2017/03/Catching%20a%20cheat.pdf
This Catalyst article looks at analytical chemists who are involved in many kinds of testing, including drug testing to catch cheats in sport.

Topic 3: Diamond: More than just a gemstone
Available at:
https://www.stem.org.uk/system/files/elibrary-resources/2017/02/Diamond%20more%20than%20just%20a%20gemstone.pdf
This Catalyst article looks at diamond and graphite which are allotropes of carbon. Their properties, which depend on the bonding between the carbon atoms, are also examined.



Topic 4: The Bizarre World of High Pressure Chemistry
Available at:
https://www.stem.org.uk/system/files/elibrary-resources/2016/11/Catalyst27_1_the_bizarre_world_of_high_pressure_chemistry.pdf
This Catalyst article investigates high pressure chemistry and discovers that, when put under extreme pressure, the properties of a material may change dramatically.

Topic 5: Microplastics and the Oceans
Available at:
https://www.stem.org.uk/system/files/elibrary-resources/2016/11/Catalyst27_1_microplastics_%20and_the_oceans.pdf
This Catalyst article looks at microplastics. Microplastics are tiny particles of polymer used in many products. They have been found to be an environmental pollutant especially in oceans.