

SBC/ET
March 2019

SCIENCE DEPARTMENT INFORMATION

The Science department at St. Leonard's Catholic School comprises eleven full time members of staff plus two part time as well as three full time technicians. The subjects taught are National Curriculum Science during Key Stages 3 and 4, as well as Biology, Chemistry and Physics both GCSE and A-level.

Pupils on entry to the school are taught Key Stage 3 Science in mixed ability groups in Year 7 and in two parallel ability bands in Year 8. The time allocation for Science during Key Stage 3 is 3 hours per week.

Most pupils in Key Stage 4 are taught the AQA Combined Science: Trilogy Science course in Years 9 to 11 to achieve two GCSE awards in Science. The top groups in Science will follow the Triple Award Science route. Pupils in Year 9 are taught in two parallel ability bands whilst they are set by ability in Years 10 and 11.

The school examination results at GCSE level have been well above national averages and we wish this trend to continue. The take up at A-level is extremely healthy in all three Sciences and pupil participation in the subject societies remains high. Each year students from Year 13 are successful in gaining entry to Oxbridge with many others gaining access to various major universities around the country. The results at A-level are also commendable.

The department is well resourced with laboratories and prep rooms allocated to each of the three disciplines. Each laboratory is stocked with standard laboratory equipment and has a smart board installed.

Department Examination Results

GCSE Science		2015	2016	2017	2018
GCSE Double Science	2 A*-C/99-44	70.3	66.4	66.4	71.1
	99-55				40.8
Chemistry		2015	2016	2017	2018
GCSE	A* - C/9 - 4	99.0	97.6	95.5	96.8
	9-5				90.5
A Level	A* - E	100.0	100.0	96.2	100.0
	A* - B	57.9	57.9	65.4	55.0
Physics		2015	2016	2017	2018
GCSE	A* - C/9 - 4	99.0	97.6	94.4	95.2
	9-5				83.9
A Level	A* - E	100.0	100.0	100.0	92.3
	A* - B	66.7	36.4	58.3	46.2

The closing date for the receipt of completed application forms is:

Wednesday 24th April 2019 at 9 a.m.

Thank you for your interest in this post.

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