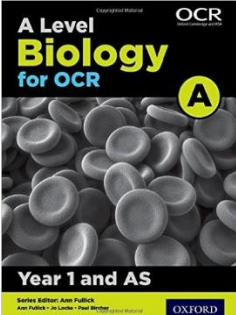
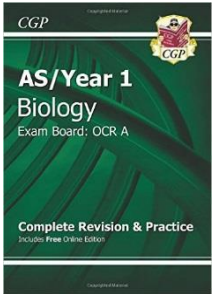


Subject: Biology		
<p>KEY TEXTBOOK A textbook recommended by your subject teacher.</p>	<p>You should have a copy of one of these text books throughout the year. Arrangement made through your teacher, the pastoral office and collect at the prep room.</p> <p><u>AS Text Book</u> Paperback: 392 pages Publisher: OUP Oxford (16 April 2015) Language: English ISBN-10: 0198351917 ISBN-13: 978-0198351917</p> <p><u>A2 Text Book</u> Currently not published</p> 	
<p>ADDITIONAL TEXTBOOKS A list of alternative textbooks. A textbook is much like a person: it is not perfect - it has strengths and weaknesses. So having a range of books to consult makes sense. Where a topic is not well covered in one book, another text might deal with it much more clearly.</p>	<p>OCR A Level Biology Student Book 1 Paperback – 29 May 2015 -Hodder Education (29 May 2015) OCR AS/A Level Biology a Student Book 1 + Activebook 2015 (OCR A Level Science (2015)) Pearson Education; 1 edition (29 April 2015)</p>	<p>Core text books from the course run from 2008-2015 OCR AS Biology Student Book and Exam Cafe CD-ROM -Heinemann; 1 edition (21 Feb. 2008) OCR A2 Biology Student Book and CD-ROM -Heinemann; 1 edition (9 Dec. 2008)</p> <p>Subscriptions New Scientist https://www.newscientist.com/ Nature http://www.nature.com/nature/index.html Royal Society of Biology http://www.biology-online.org/dictionary/Organization Cost £15 for a year and a monthly magazine as well. Bargain!</p>
<p>SPECIFICATION AND BOARD A syllabus or specification. It details all the areas that you need to be taught for the examination. You need to have a copy so you know how to organise your file.</p>	<p>OCR A Level GCE Biology A (H420) Specification http://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/171736-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-biology-a-h420.pdf Specification and sample assessment materials. (remember H420 materials) http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-biology-a-h020-h420-from-2015/</p>	
<p>RECOMMENDED WEBSITES Your teachers might be able to advise you about websites that have useful information.</p>	<p>Detailed site for the AQA Biology syllabus with resources, notes and online questions covering many of the OCR's syllabus in a different way. http://www.mrothery.co.uk/</p> <p>Revision or study website with differently styled notes and collected video clips covering most of the course for year 1 and Year 2 http://www.biology-innovation.co.uk/</p> <p>Great revision website due to update for the 2015 course, https://asbiology101.wordpress.com/</p> <p>Animations of cellular structure Year 1 and also year 2 topics respiration and photosynthesis http://www.johnkyrk.com/</p> <p>Online Biology notes covering parts of Year 1 and 2 and beyond. Choose relevant sections and level of detail. http://www2.estrellamountain.edu/faculty/farabee/biobk/biobooktoc.html</p>	

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<p>REVISION GUIDE Short detailed notes on all Year 1 topic areas allowing focus on the key issues. Good for producing revision cards and starting mind maps</p>	<p>This revision guide, (includes an online version), is available from the prep room at a reduced price. CGP A-Level Year 1 OCR A Paperback: 136 pages Publisher: Coordination Group Publications Ltd (CGP) (20 May 2015) Language: English ISBN-10: 1782942866 ISBN-13: 978-1782942863</p> <p>An alternative is a book with questions to test yourself on also by CGP https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/Student/books_a_level_biology_ocr.book_BRATB52</p> 
<p>PAST EXAMINATION PAPERS At the beginning of the course you should have an idea of the type of question you might be asked in the final examination. Website address and unit code listed for you.</p>	<p>Past papers and examiners reports from 2010 and before available from; http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-biology-h021-h421/</p>
<p>MARK SCHEMES Mark schemes are produced for each examination. They are very helpful in detailing what is required to gain a top grade.</p>	<p>Past paper mark schemes from 2010 and before available from; http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-biology-h021-h421/</p>
<p>ANY OTHER SUBJECT SPECIFIC INFORMATION. (e..g. specific Independent study requirements or journals or CD ROM)</p>	<p>To be successful at A level Biology you must complete the majority of the work outside of lessons. This will include reading around and researching outside of the direct syllabus. Independent study should be organised well and complied in an A4 file. The kind of independent study we will expect to see includes –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary notes and revision notes for each section • Practise questions for each section from a variety sources including the A-level text book. • Definitions of keywords for topics • Summaries/notes on relevant or interesting research articles and other extension material from scientific journals and websites
<p>FEEDBACK FOR INDEPENDENT STUDY</p>	<p>For A-level Biology you can expect your independent study to be checked at least once every half-term. Each time we check your independent study written feedback will be used to outline what is working well and suggest areas for improvement to develop your independent study further. Our suggestions may be topic specific such as adding or completing particular diagrams, redoing a section in greater depth, completing a particular question. Or it might be to do with your use of extension material, articles or websites used and/or notes taken from them. We will discuss your feedback with you both generally and individually to help you make progress.</p>

