

Advice for Science (Higher Paper) exam only students

The science exam has been created to look at your biological knowledge and its application to certain scenarios. You may wish to sit the exam without the home study.

Please consider the following tips when you get into the exam:

- Read the question carefully!
- There will be some simple recall questions but some will be asking you to interpret graphs/charts/tables or examine the results of an experiment.
- Always check how many marks are allocated to the question this is always a good indication of how many points you need to include. eg. 2 marks usually means 2
- Provide clear and concise answers. Do not waffle.
- You must use correct biological language and terminology
- Watch your spellings as some words misspelt could mean something completely different, eg. Glycogen and glucagon
- If the question is asking you to **describe** something then you need to just say what is happening in the scenario. However, if the question is asking you to **explain** then you must give the biological reasoning behind the process.
- If you have to **suggest** a reason for something then you must apply your biological reasoning and give a logical suggestion.
- If you are asked to show any working then you must as you may lose marks.
- Do attempt all questions, as blank spaces cannot give you any marks.
- Please do not repeat what you have written. This will not give any extra marks but will waste precious time.
- Some questions may also test the quality of your written communication, so watch out for those long answer questions.

Lastly, good luck for your exam and your chosen career.