



Ripon Grammar School

Dear A Level Biology Student,

The Biology team and I look forward to welcoming you to RGS and to the A Level Biology course. To help with the transition from Y11 into sixth form and ensure that you are well prepared for the A level Biology course, I am sharing some information and documents that you should read prior to joining us in September.

It is useful for you to be familiar to the specification. It can be used as a checklist for your learning over the duration of your A Level course and gives detail on how exams and the Practical Endorsement Certificate are structured. [Science A Level Transition Pack Biology.pdf](#)

Below is a link to a pack you should read and work through can be found here. It covers key practical terms, essential maths skills for A Level Biology and some prior learning so you are ready for our first topic in September on Cells and Microscopy.

[OCR A Level Biology A \(H420\) Specification](#)

We will provide you with all the textbooks and learning materials you require upon joining us in September.

The A Level Biology course is both demanding and challenging, the Biology Department will guide you through this. The course builds on many of the topics you have studied at GCSE such as cells, transport in cells, enzymes, communicable disease, respiration and more but delves much deeper. You will also learn about many new aspects of human and plant biology. We hope you are excited for this next step in your biological learning and I look forward to meeting you in September. In the meantime, if you have any questions, you can email gallagherc@ripongrammar.com.

Kind regards,
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