

## Biology

Biology @ Winstanley College

We aim to provide as many opportunities as possible to support all learners in achieving their full potential. This is just a quick a summary of what is provided beyond the classroom:

Independent learning tasks throughout each **student booklet**:

- Self-assessed questions
- Stretch and Challenge tasks
- Past exam questions

Biology **Intranet** providing access to:

- Bridging the gap resources
- Topic PowerPoints
- Homework
- Mark schemes for booklet questions
- Revision notes
- Journal articles
- Video tutorials
- Past exam questions by topic with mark schemes
- All past exam papers with mark schemes

Drop-in **lunchtime revision tutorials**

**One to one catch up**/revision tutorial

Advice to students – 3 key points for effective exam preparation:

1. **Attendance** - you can't revise what you've been absent for so sort this out ASAP if you have missed a lesson. You need to catch up! You need a full set of notes.
2. **Memory** - you have to commit the basics to memory. How you do this is up to you as different things will work for different people and different methods will work for different topics. Make posters or rap songs, you might like to make flashcards and mind maps. However, you need to learn not to waste time doing these things for the topics you already know. This is where past exam questions come in.
3. **Past exam questions** - Choose three colours: Colour 1 = answers without using notes, Colour 2 = answers corrected after using notes, Colour 3 = marking with mark scheme. You should be able to achieve 100% if you are using your notes. Where you have blanks are the areas you need to focus on committing to memory. Don't waste time making a pretty poster about the structure of an animal cell if you can already label an animal cell perfectly.

**Exam dates: F211 9<sup>th</sup> January (AS)**  
**F212 15<sup>th</sup> January (A2 resit)      F214 11<sup>th</sup> January (A2)**