



The AQA A Level Physics specifications are a stepping stone to future study, which provides a foundation for study at universities, or a Science related career, or for Physics or laying the groundwork for further study in science or engineering. The specification builds on the GCSE Combined and Triple courses taught at KS4. The linear course is assessed at the end of Year 13 and is made up of 3 papers. There is an emphasis on practical skills which are assessed throughout the course and endorsed at the end.

HALF TERM 1: Particles, Force, energy and momentum

STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- Particles: Understand constituents of the atom, stable and unstable nuclei, particles, anti-particles and photons and particle interactions **ADY**
- Force, energy and momentum: Explain scalars and vectors, moments, motion in a straight line projectile motion and Newton's laws of motion **SBH**

HOW THIS WILL BE ASSESSED:

Assessments will be completed at the end of each topic and one main assessment will occur during each term to assess progress. Required practicals are also an integral part of the course.

HALF TERM 2: EM radiation and Quantum Phenomena, Forces and Materials

STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- Particles: Understand the photoelectric effect, collisions of electrons with atoms, energy levels and photon emissions, wave-particle duality **ADY**
- Force, energy and momentum: Application of moments, work, energy and power, conservation of energy **SBH**
- Materials: Understand and apply bulk properties of solids, the Young Modulus **SBH**

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HALF TERM 3: Waves, Electricity

STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- Waves: Understand and apply the concepts of progressive waves, longitudinal and transverse waves, principle of waves and formation of stationary waves **ADY**
- Current Electricity: Understand and apply the basics of electricity, current voltage characteristics, resistivity **SBH**

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HALF TERM 4: Refraction, diffraction and interference; DC circuits

STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- Waves: Explain the concepts of interference, diffraction, refraction at a plane surface **ADY**
- DC circuits: Understand and apply: Circuits, the potential divider, electromotive force and internal resistance **SBH**

HOW THIS WILL BE ASSESSED:

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HALF TERM 5:

Consolidation, Revision and Past Papers Assessments and mocks

HALF TERM 6: Circular Motion, Oscillations, Nuclear Physics

STUDENTS MUST KNOW:

- Periodic motion: Understand circular motion, simple harmonic motion, SHM systems, forced vibrations and resonance. **ADY**
- Nuclear Physics: Understand radioactivity in terms Rutherford scattering, types of radiation, radioactive decay, nuclear instability, nuclear radius **SBH**

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Embedding this knowledge can be supported at home by using the AQA website and typing in the key phrase for each lesson to consolidate learning that has taken place in class. Making use of <https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com> to practice exam papers.