

What will I study?

There are three units of study:

Unit 1: DNA and the Genome. This unit covers; structure of DNA, replication of DNA, control of gene expression, cellular differentiation, the structure of the genome, mutations, evolution and genomic sequencing.

Unit 2: Metabolism and Survival. This unit covers; metabolic pathways, cellular respiration, metabolism in conformers and regulators, environmental control of metabolism, genetic control of metabolism, ethical considerations in use of microorganisms, hazards and control of risks.

Unit 3: Sustainability and Interdependence. This unit covers; food supply, plant growth and productivity, plant and animal breeding, crop protection, animal welfare, symbiosis, social behaviour, mass extinction and threats to biodiversity.

What skills will I develop?

A range of skills will be developed throughout the course. Some of the skills are listed below:

- Applying knowledge.
- Scientific inquiry and investigation.
- Scientific analytical thinking.
- Problem solving.
- Independent working.
- Use and understand scientific literacy in everyday contexts.
- Planning

How will I be assessed?

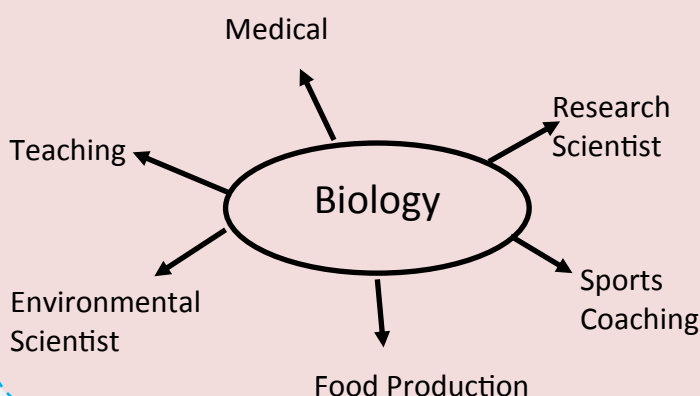
Higher units are assessed in school by your class teacher. Pupils complete an assignment in school and sit a final exam. Both of these are sent away to be marked.

What can I go on and study in sixth year?

Higher → Advanced Higher Biology

Higher → Another science subject at H level.

Possible Careers



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