What will I study?

There are three units of study:

Cell Biology: This unit covers; cell structure, transport across cell membranes, DNA and the production of proteins, genetic engineering and respiration.

Multicellular Organisms: This unit covers; producing new cells, control and communication, reproduction, variation, inheritance and transport systems.

Life on Earth: This unit covers; ecosystems, distribution of organisms, photosynthesis, energy in ecosystems, food production and evolution of species.

What skills will I develop?

A range of skills will be developed through out 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

Possible Careers Food Production Sports Coaching Biology Research Scientist Teaching

How will I be assessed?

National 5 pupils complete an assignment in school and sit a final exam. Both of these are sent away to be marked.

National 3 and 4 units are assessed in school by your class teacher. National 4 pupils also complete a project. This is completed in school and marked by your teacher.

What can I go on and study in fifth and sixth year?

National 3 → National 4 Biology or National 3 Environmental Science. National 4 → National 5 Biology or another Science subject at National 4 level.

National 5 → Higher Biology, Higher Human Biology or another Science subject at National 5 level.

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