

Entry Requirements:

Holy Family Sixth Form entry requirements apply. You will also need two Grade 6's or above in GCSE Combined Science. These grades are additional to a pass in both GCSE Mathematics and English Language.

The Learning:

This is always a very popular choice because of the variety of topics covered, the opportunities for fieldwork, and the possibilities an A-Level in Biology opens up for Higher Education. The course is heavily reliant on practical work and every opportunity is taken to link the subject matter with the modern developments in Biology, one of the fastest evolving subjects on earth. At the end of Year 12, students have the opportunity to undertake a number of Field Work Days when the ecology aspects of the course are studied. Along with the links we have forged with Askham Bryan Agricultural College for these days, students along have the chance of visiting the Seaside (Ainsdale) and local moor land.

This course is a linear course with formal terminal examinations that are sat at the end of two years and is delivered by two specialist subject staff. Candidates will sit 3, 2hr long written papers that will form the A level Biology award. As well as biology content these papers will rely heavily on English and mathematical skills and comprise synoptic questions from the whole two years of study.

What direction this course might take you in:

Studying Biology provides students with a huge range of practical and investigative skills to be used at a later time. The links we have with outside agencies are second to none and all further education institutions look very favourably on a Science A Level.