

IGCSE
Chemistry

Introduction

Welcome to your IGCSE Chemistry course. This introduction will serve as a guide to what you can expect from the course, and it will show you how to plan your study of this course effectively. Take your time to read this Introduction thoroughly before you start the lessons.

The course is designed to prepare students for examination in the **Edexcel IGCSE Chemistry specification (syllabus) (4CHO)**.

The Course

The course is designed to develop (1) a broad understanding of chemical facts, concepts and principles, (2) skills in chemical investigation and (3) an ability to evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of modern scientific developments.

In combination with other suitable IGCSE entry subjects, the course is an ideal preparation for those who wish to go on to study Chemistry at AS and A2 level.

The course is designed to be accessible to students who may have only a limited previous background in science. If you have some background in Chemistry then you should find that some of the lessons build upon things that you have met before in your earlier studies.



Practical Work

The practical work described at various places in this course is to help to develop your skills for the practical-based components of the theory exams. Both exams will include questions related to this. Three of the lessons are devoted to the development of practical skills, and there is a very useful Appendix at the back of the textbook (pages 218 – 225) to help you further.

Carrying out practical work obviously presents a problem for home-based students. Sometimes experiments are described which can be carried out safely at home using household materials, and you should make every effort to do these for yourself. In addition, if you have the opportunity to perform supervised laboratory work in the course of your studies, this will be a great help.

When carrying out any practical work in Chemistry, safety is paramount. Never taste any materials unless you are sure that it is safe to do so. Always wear eye protection if heating any substance or using any corrosive liquid. Never handle flammable materials in the presence of a naked flame. **If in the slightest doubt about the safety of a procedure, do not carry it out without seeking professional advice.** Your tutor will be able to help in this matter.

Textbook

The textbook that is referred to throughout this course is:

Jim Clark, *Edexcel IGCSE Chemistry: Student Book* (2009, Pearson Education; ISBN: 978 0 435966 89 8)

You will need to use a copy of this textbook throughout the course; you can buy a copy through our website. It is referred to in every lesson and provides excellent coverage of the material. By using the textbook and the course, you will be fully prepared for the examinations at the end. The book has an accompanying CD-ROM which contains useful extra questions with answers.

Full answers to the Student Book questions are available to teachers and parents by emailing

customersolutions@pearson.com (for UK teachers and parents) or icsorders@pearson.com (for all other teachers and parents).

You should not need other books throughout the course but you may like to look in other Chemistry books from time to time. If you feel that you would like to use a revision guide before the examination, you should ask your tutor which one they recommend.

Tiering and IGCSE Examination Entry

Science IGCSE examinations are not divided into different entry tiers. So candidates of all abilities sit the same exam paper.

Arrangement of Lessons

The lessons are planned so that all the material and preparation required for both examination papers, Chemistry Paper 1 and Chemistry Paper 2, are covered by the six modules of the course. Topics that will be examined only in Paper 2 are given in **bold type** in the lesson aims at the beginning of each lesson.

The six course modules are:

- Module 1: Introducing Chemistry
- Module 2: Chemistry Investigations
- Module 3: Chemical Patterns
- Module 4: Chemistry in Practice
- Module 5: Organic Chemistry
- Module 6: Chemistry Calculations

You are advised to do the modules in order, as the content has been written to enable you to develop your knowledge and skills as you progress through the lessons.

Arrangement of Lessons and Textbook References

Chemistry IGCSE		
Module 1: Introducing Chemistry		
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Textbook pages</i>
Intro	Using Numbers in Chemistry	
1	Substances and Particles	1-5 and 31
2	Atomic Structure	6-12
3	Chemical Bonds TMA A	13-19
4	Structures and Properties	20-21 and 23-29
5	Formulae and Equations	33-39
6	Rates of Reaction TMA B	41-51

Module 2: Chemistry Investigations		
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Textbook pages</i>
7	Investigative Skills A: Design	218
8	Investigative Skills B: Carrying out	219-220
9	Investigative Skills C: Interpreting TMA C	220-225

Module 3: Chemical Patterns		
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Textbook pages</i>
10	Oxygen and Oxides	54-59
11	The Reactivity Series	60-68
12	Acids and Salts	70-79 and 81-88
13	The Periodic Table TMA D	99-110

Module 4: Chemistry in Practice		
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Textbook pages</i>
14	Separating and Analysing	89-97
15	Electrolysis	112-119
16	Energy Changes during Reactions	120-124
17	Reversible Reactions TMA E	125-130
18	Extracting and Using Metals	139-146
19	Manufacturing Chemicals	133-138

Module 5: Organic Chemistry		
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Textbook pages</i>
20	Organic Molecules	149-155
21	Alkanes, Alkenes and Alcohols TMA F	156-162
22	Crude Oil and Polymers	163-168 and 169-174

Module 6: Chemistry Calculations		
<i>Lesson</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Textbook pages</i>
23	Moles	176-185
24	Equations and Calculations TMA G	187-194
25	Electrolysis Calculations	196-201
26	Energy Calculations	202-208
27	Titration TMA H	209-215

	Mock Exam Paper 1 (TMA I)	
	Mock Exam Paper 2 (TMA J)	
	Appendix A: The Periodic Table	
	Appendix B: The Reactivity Series and Formulae of Ions	

Twig Resources

We hope that students of this course will also take the opportunity to learn from the wealth of Twig resources to which this course is linked. Twig have produced more than a thousand educational films, particularly for science, maths and geography and these complement the lesson materials here to enhance the learning experience.

To view the films, you will need an e-mail account, internet access and a password, supplied to you on enrolment. As you work through the lessons, you will come across Twig-links quite regularly, looking like this:



Log on to Twig and look at the film titled: **Nylon**

www.ool.co.uk/1377mz

Nylon is one of the strongest polymers created by man. What makes it so durable?

To reach the film, you would either type the URL into your web-browser (here www.ool.co.uk/1377mz) or search the Twig site (www.twig-world.co.uk) for 'Nylon'. Having watched it, you return to the lesson.

Access to these resources is offered on the following terms:

1. OOL is not responsible for the content of the Twig films or for the technology which transmits them.
2. The films may not be accessible at certain times.
3. OOL cannot be responsible for any technical difficulties students may have in viewing the films and cannot advise on any software or hardware issues.
4. Access is limited in any case to the period until the student's expected exam date.
5. Students are responsible for remembering their own usernames and passwords. Please note: once assigned, a username *cannot* be changed. Passwords can be.
6. Passwords are supplied for the use of the named student only and should not be passed on to any third parties under any circumstances – because each password is unique it will be apparent if it is used on numerous machines.
7. The films are of greater or lesser relevance and it is probable that some parts of many of the films will be too “advanced” for your needs, include ideas you have not yet covered, or introduce information that is not required for the Edexcel specification.
8. If you find that a film is not helpful or interesting, stop watching it! It is possible to study the course successfully without watching *any* of the films. Remember that this is bonus material only, adding depth and context to the course, and this pack forms the spine of the learning material. But each film we have selected should make studying that little bit easier and more enjoyable.
9. Alongside each film, the Twig site offers various additional resources. You can download a transcript of the film, take a quiz or even an advanced quiz. These are optional extras if you have time and inclination.

Other Internet Resources

In most lessons of the course other internet sites are also given which have been carefully selected to provide additional activities. Some of these have been designated as “Extension” activities. These links are an important tool in your understanding of your Chemistry course and you should make every effort to view them and use the activities that they contain. If you do not have an internet connection at home, consider building in regular trips to a library or internet café as part of your study schedule.

There are two ways of finding the correct webpage:

- type in the full webpage address given in the text
- search using the search phrase given in the text.

When you type in either the address or the search phrase it is important that you do not make typing errors, or miss out words. The search phrases have been carefully tested to bring the required website to the top of the list of sites returned by the search engine. If you cannot see the site you need on the first page of websites listed, you should try retyping the phrase and searching again. If you still have a problem, ask your tutor for help.

The Structure within each Lesson: How to Study

Front Page

The front page of each lesson shows:

- The **Title**.
- **Aims** for the lesson. These set out the position that you should reach after working through the lesson; keep these in mind while reading the lesson material. Paper 2 examines all of these aims, but Paper 1 does *not* examine the aims picked out in **bold** print. Where possible, some Paper 2 material has been identified with an asterisk (*) in the lesson content. However, some Paper 2 material is integrated with Paper 1 material and cannot be separately identified and you should refer to the lesson aims in **bold** to identify all Paper 2 content.

- **Context.** This shows how the lesson relates to the Specification and the overall study plan.
- **Reading.** This section gives the textbook references for the lesson. This is additional reading to accompany this course.

Lesson Notes

There then follow the notes; these work systematically through the subject material to be studied in the lesson. Read the notes carefully several times and carry out the activities until you feel that you have understood the broad outline of the theory involved, and then tackle the reading references.

The textbook deals with some subjects in greater detail, and, as with the notes, you will probably need to read the passages several times. The textbook and accompanying CD-ROM also contain relevant questions, and at revision time you may want to return to these to further test your knowledge.

At the end of each lesson there is a list of new technical words whose meanings you should know. There is also a summary to which you can add your own comments.

Activities

Activities are placed in the notes at the relevant point. They are indicated as follows:

Activity 1	Look at Appendix A. How many of the elements did you know already?
	

The pencil symbol indicates that you should make your own notes in the space provided.

Self-Assessment Tests

Each lesson concludes with either a Self-Assessment Test (SAT) or a Tutor-Marked Assignment (TMA). Only tackle these when you feel that you have fully mastered the material in the lesson.

If it is a Self-Assessment Test, first try to check your answers by referring back to the lesson, and then compare your answers with those given right at the end of the lesson.

Tutor-Marked Assignments

After every few lessons there is a Tutor-Marked Assignment (TMA). These will thoroughly check your understanding of the preceding two lessons. You should send your answers to your tutor, who will return your marked script, together with a set of suggested answers.

Revision

Do **not** leave all your revision until the end of the course! You will need to revise thoroughly for your examination, but frequent revision throughout the course is **essential**. Plan your revision sensibly, and re-read as you feel necessary, if your knowledge is beginning to fade.

The last two TMAs in the course include a mock exam of two papers, following closely the format of the exam itself. You are recommended to study the online practice exam and mark scheme (see the section 'Past Papers' below) before attempting this TMA and sending it to your tutor. It is also a good idea to restrict yourself to the time specified for the exam, so you have practice writing under time pressure.

Checking the Specification

As you know, this course has been written to cover the contents of the **Edexcel Specification 4CHO** which is available to download at

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/igcse/int-gcse11/chemistry/Pages/default.aspx>

To see this you will need Adobe Acrobat reader on your computer which you can download freely at:

<http://get.adobe.com/uk/reader>

In the specification, you should look in particular at:

- The Qualification Content on pages 3 -18
- The Assessment Objectives on pages 20-21

NB. Please make sure that you look at the most up-to-date issue of the specification.

You should check the specification online periodically throughout the course so bookmark the Edexcel IGCSE Chemistry homepage.

The Examination

The examination you will sit consists of two papers. There is no separate practical exam and no practical coursework component; testing of practical skills is built into both of the theory papers. You will be asked practical-based questions as part of your written exam.

Chemistry Paper 1

Paper code: 4CH0/1C

This is a two-hour examination paper. The total number of marks is 120, two thirds of the overall total. The paper examines all of the Specification content except those items printed in **bold** (see also in the lesson Aims and Context), and all of the assessment objectives.

Chemistry Paper 2

Paper code: 4CH0/2C

This is a one-hour examination paper. The total number of marks is 60, one third of the overall total. This paper examines all of the Specification content, including those items printed in **bold** (see also in the lesson Aims and Context), and all of the assessment objectives.

You can see an example of both papers, and the mark-schemes used in marking them, at the end of the file which contains the current specification.

In both papers there will be a range of compulsory short-answer, structured questions, which gradually increase in difficulty to ensure accessibility for less-able students, as well as to stretch more-able students.

In both papers, students may be required to perform calculations, draw graphs and describe, explain and interpret chemical phenomena. Some of the question content may be unfamiliar to students; these questions are designed to assess data-handling skills and the ability to apply scientific principles to unfamiliar information. Questions targeted at grades A* – B will include questions designed to test knowledge, understanding and skills at a higher level, including some questions requiring longer prose answers.

The IGCSE qualification will be graded and certificated on an eight-grade scale from A* to G. Students whose level of achievement is below the minimum standard for Grade G will receive an unclassified U. Where a candidate is unclassified, this will not be recorded on the IGCSE certificate.

If you do not have access to the Internet, it is possible to buy a paper copy of the specification from Edexcel. The contact details are:

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Past Papers

At the time of writing, past exam papers for the previous issue of the specification are available for download from the Edexcel website at:

<http://www.edexcel.com/quals/igcse/int-gcse11/chemistry/Pages/default.aspx>

Follow the link “Question paper”. You can also use these as exam practice, but please do not send these to your tutor for marking.

A pair of mock examinations, marked by your tutor, is provided at the end of this course.

Your Tutor

You have plenty of resources to help you in your studies; your course file, your textbook, internet resources and your tutor. You should make good use of your tutor to help you with any difficulties that you may have during the course, especially at the start.

And finally... very good luck with your studies!

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