

Biology: top tips for success at A Level

Tips from Teachers

- Take responsibility for your learning. It is what YOU do that will make the biggest difference to how successful you will be.
- Engage fully in lessons: take an active part in discussions, activities and practical work
- There are no silly questions in Biology. Ask questions.
- Complete all homework and hand it in on time so that you receive valuable feedback. Then act on the feedback so that you develop a deeper understanding of the ideas.
- Read through your notes daily, weekly, monthly and if you don't understand use your textbook, revision guide, websites, friends to make sure you do understand.
- Seek help from your teachers if you are finding something too difficult to sort out yourself.
- Use the resources on Bay House Learning and the websites recommended by your teachers.
- You may find the jump from GCSE to A Level is quite daunting but stick with it, work hard and it will all come together.
- Be organised: meet deadlines, make clear notes, file your work carefully, by topic and by teacher.
- Revise thoroughly for mini tests, end of topic tests, mocks and the AS Exams.

Tips from Students:

- Make notes in class and look over them on the same evening to make sure you understand
- Do homework on the day it is given and then you have time to sort out any problems
- Ask questions if you don't understand, the teachers are very helpful
- Revise thoroughly for the end of topic tests; this helps a lot with understanding the work
- Past papers are your new best friend, work through as many as possible
- Stick with it, eventually it 'clicks' and all the ideas come together to make sense