

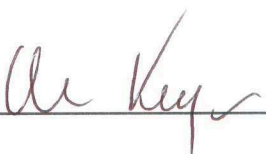
# AQA GCSE Biology – Foundation Tier - 8461F:

## WBHS Summer 2021 Assessment Record

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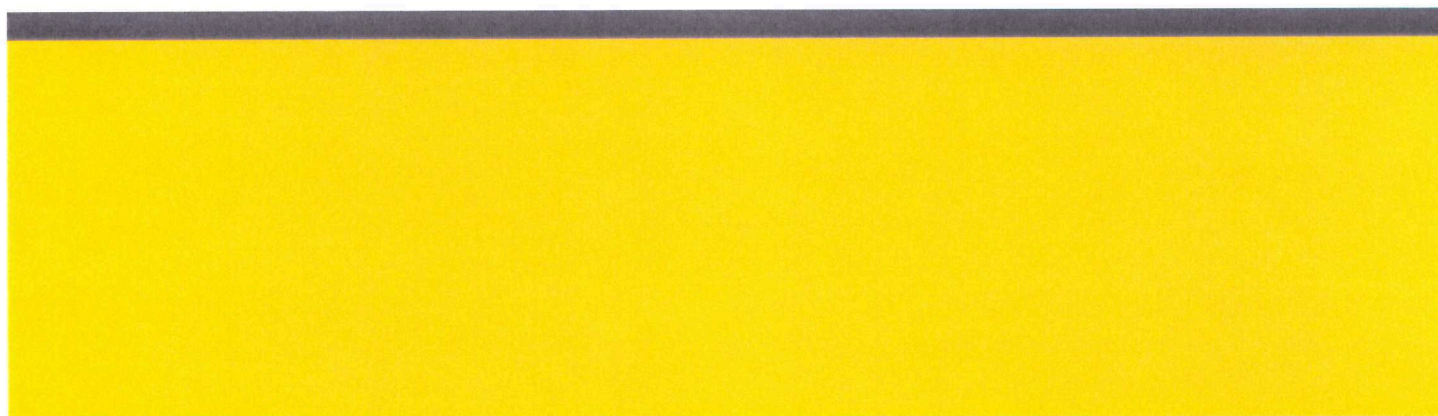
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This GCSE pathway was followed by four students who struggled to access the GCSE Combined Science pathway and were in receipt of Additional Educational Provision.

The assessment evidence used covers a comprehensive range of the specification provided by the exam board and reflects all the assessment objectives.

As for the other pathways, Yr.10 data **has** been considered as part of the holistic approach to awarding grades. This has been especially helpful when considering pre-pandemic performance and adjusting our teaching and learning to address any problems students faced through this extremely challenging period. The data we considered from this year comprises of short assessments carried out throughout the time students were in school (pre-March 2020).

However, there has been a greater weighting placed on a terminal Year 11 assessment which we felt better reflected the progress of students across the two years of the course. This is also in line with the guidance provided by Ofqual regarding later assessments providing a better representation of a student's final grade.

#### *Tier of entry*

All students are entered for Foundation Biology.

#### *Boundaries*

At our school grade boundaries generated for purposes of reflecting progress in examinations are based on the published boundaries for the exam series (if appropriate) or a direct translation of percentages to our internally produced tests. Whilst acknowledging the absolute merits of setting past-exam questions in assessing student's understanding and progress, they are designed to be fully answered at the end of two years of uninterrupted study.

Because this evidence covers such a broad range of the subject content and assessments have been based on exam board mark schemes and grade descriptors and have been subject to moderation and standardisation at a teacher, departmental and whole school level we are confident the Centre Assessed Grades submitted for this course are accurate.

	Type of Assessment	Foundation Biology			Level of Control H, M, L (Dates of standardisation)
<i>Terminal paper</i>		AO1	AO2	AO3	
<b>Assessment 1: WC 13 April 2021.</b>	<p><i>Examination constructed to reflect a wide range of content and all AOs.</i></p> <p><i>Questions selected from November 2020 papers and AQA Exampro tool.</i></p> <p><i>Level of challenge carefully considered.</i></p>	Y	Y	Y	<p><i>H</i></p> <p><i>Biology standardised on Tuesday 27 April)</i></p> <p><i>Mark schemes adhered to and marking sampled by Head of Department.</i></p>