GCSE

WJEC GCSE INTEGRATED SCIENCE

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Q: What practical activities should our learners complete?
A: In line with the principles of the Curriculum for Wales, centres should provide a range of practical activities appropriate for their learners. Practical work should be embedded in teaching and learning and should include opportunities to develop the relevant scientific enquiry skills. Centres' choices may be influenced by a range of factors, including their local area and the availability of equipment. There are no specified practical tasks as there were previously.

Q: Will there be questions common to the foundation and higher tier papers?
A: Yes – there will be common questions. These will account for 25% of the available marks. This is the same as it was previously.

Q: What units will be available in summer 2027?
A: Unit 1 is available in 2027. All units will be available in subsequent years.

Q: Will an Entry Level certificate be available to complete alongside GCSE Integrated Science?
A: A new General foundation / Level 1 qualification is being developed for first teaching from September 2027.

Q: Will learners be able to take the pre-release booklet into the examination?
A: The pre-release is available one month before the examination. Learners will be given a clean copy of the pre-release document in the examination.

Q: Will the new General foundation qualification be a higher level than the current qualification?
A: The qualification will be suitable for a range of learners, from Entry Level 1, 2 and 3 through to Level 1 (equivalent to GCSE grade D-G).

Q: Are the guided learning hours for Integrated Science the same as for other single award GCSEs?
A: Yes – they are all 120-140 hours.

Q: Will learners be able to move between Integrated Science and The Sciences (Double Award)?
A: They are distinct qualifications with very little overlap of content. It will not be straightforward for learners to switch to The Sciences (Double Award) after a few weeks of teaching time. Integrated Science is not a suitable preparation for AS and A level qualifications in the sciences.

Q: Are digital resources available for GCSE Integrated science (Single Award)?
A: Digital resources are being published throughout the first half of 2026 and everything will be available in English and Welsh by September 2026.

Q: Where can I find the digital resources?
A: All digital resources can be accessed via the Digital Resources link at the bottom of the WJEC homepage.

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Q: Will the Guidance for Teaching document be available in Word format?
A: No – this document is only available in PDF format, as is the case for the specification and Sample Assessment Materials.

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