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**A LEVEL
BIOLOGY
TRANSITION
MATERIAL**

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Preparation for September.

Course: OCR Biology A (H420)

Many students find the jump from GCSE to AS level difficult. This pack is designed to aid that transition in Biology.

Start preparing for the course by downloading a copy of the Specification from:

<https://www.ocr.org.uk/Images/171736-specification-accredited-a-level-gce-biology-a-h420.pdf>

This is a useful page to print off and place at the front of your Biology notes.

2 The specification overview

2a. Overview of A Level in Biology A (H420)

Learners must complete all components (01, 02, 03 and 04) to be awarded the OCR A Level in Biology A.

Content Overview	Assessment Overview	
Content is split into six teaching modules: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Module 1 – Development of practical skills in biology• Module 2 – Foundations in biology• Module 3 – Exchange and transport• Module 4 – Biodiversity, evolution and disease• Module 5 – Communication, homeostasis and energy• Module 6 – Genetics, evolution and ecosystems Component 01 assesses content from modules 1, 2, 3 and 5. Component 02 assesses content from modules 1, 2, 4 and 6. Component 03 assesses content from all modules (1 to 6).	Biological processes (01) 100 marks 2 hour 15 minutes written paper	37% of total A level
	Biological diversity (02) 100 marks 2 hour 15 minutes written paper	37% of total A level
	Unified biology (03) 70 marks 1 hour 30 minutes written paper	26% of total A level
	Practical Endorsement in biology (04) (non exam assessment)	Reported separately (see section 5f)

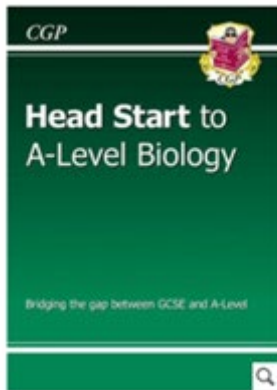
All components include synoptic assessment.

Module 1 is continuously assessed throughout Year 12 and 13. We aim to cover Modules 2,3 & 4 in Year 12 and Modules 5 & 6 in Year 13.

Summer reading

A more detailed reading list will be issued in September, in the meantime reading and working through the CGP Headstart book would be excellent preparation for your course.

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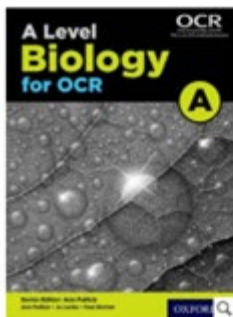


A copy of the Head Start to AS Biology revision guide from CGP that covers topics linking GCSE to A Level biology. You will be tested on similar content in September.

- Publisher: CGP
- Price: Around £5
- ISBN: 978 1 78294 279 5

Text books

We will issue you with a text book in September but can recommend that you also buy this book. Our current Y12 and Y13 students rate it very highly. It is not an essential purchase though. **You may be able to find them second hand.**



A Level Biology for OCR A (Paperback)

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