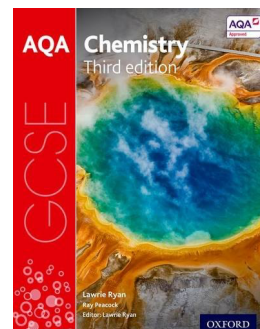




# Chemistry Overview

Term: Autumn  
Year: 10  
Teacher: Mrs Aziza Helaly & Mr Alamgir Islam  
Textbook title: AQA GCSE Chemistry Oxford



## What will we be covering this term?

### 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:

**Structure and bonding** - In this chapter, students will develop their understanding of the states of matter from KS3. They will build upon their understanding of the particle model, using this to explain the energy transfers involved when substances change state. Students will also learn about the different types of bonding in substances. Students will also learn how the bonding of a substance affects its bulk properties.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:

**Chemical calculations** - In this chapter, students will build upon their understanding of the structure of atoms and sub-atomic particles to understand relative atomic mass and relative formula mass. Students will be able to use relative atomic masses to calculate relative formula masses of compounds. This was then related to the mole and Avogadro's constant, and the relevant calculations introduced. Students should be able to use the equation number of moles = mass (g) /  $A_r$  and use moles to balance symbol equations and calculate reacting masses.

**Electrolysis**: In this chapter, students are introduced to electrolysis. They will build upon their knowledge from *Chapter C3* to explain why ionic compounds can undergo electrolysis when molten or in solution. They should also be able to explain the movement of particles during electrolysis, and the reactions that occur at the electrodes.

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## How will my child be assessed this term?

There will be at least 2 assessed pieces this term.

In more detail;

**1<sup>st</sup> Assessment:** Structure and bonding

**2<sup>nd</sup> Assessment:** Chemical calculations

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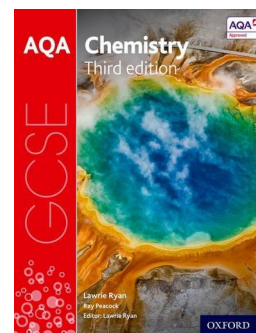
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Year: 10  
Teacher: Mrs Aziza Helaly & Mr Alamgir Islam  
Textbook title: AQA GCSE Chemistry Oxford



## What will we be covering this term?

### 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:

**Energy Change:** In this chapter, students will learn about the energy transfers that occur during chemical reactions. Students will further develop their qualitative understanding of the energy transfers in a reaction into a quantitative understanding. They should be confident with sketching and interpreting reaction profile diagrams and higher-tier students should be able to use bond energies to calculate overall energy changes for a reaction, identifying if it is exothermic or endothermic. Students will also apply their understanding of the reactivity series and electrolysis to chemical cells and fuel cells.

**Rates and equilibrium:** In this chapter, students will learn the factors that affect the rate of a reaction, including temperature, surface area, concentration, and pressure. Students should be able to explain the effect of each factor on the rate of reaction using collision theory - understanding that each factor increases the *frequency* of effective collisions, **not** just the number of collisions. They should also be able to explain the effect of catalysts on the rate of a reaction in terms of providing an alternative reaction pathway with a lower activation energy

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:

**Rates and equilibrium (cont.):** Students will learn about reversible reactions and dynamic equilibrium. Students should apply their knowledge on endothermic and exothermic reactions to equilibrium reactions to be able to predict the effect of temperature changes on the reversible reactions and the position of the equilibrium. Higher-tier students should also be able to use Le Châtelier's principle to explain the effect of temperature and pressure on the position of equilibrium.

**Crude oil and fuels:** In this chapter, students will learn about hydrocarbons and be introduced to the alkanes. They should be able to identify alkanes from their formulae, and be able to name and draw the displayed formula of the first four alkanes.



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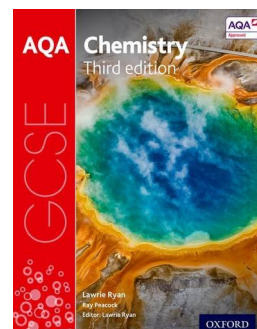
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# Chemistry Overview

**Term:** Summer  
**Year:** 10  
**Teacher:** Mr Alamgir Islam  
**Textbook title:** AQA GCSE Chemistry Oxford



## What will we be covering this term?

### 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term:

**Crude oil and fuels:** Students will learn about some of the reactions of hydrocarbons, including combustion (both complete and incomplete) and cracking.

**Chemical analysis:** In this chapter, students will learn about various techniques for analyzing substances. All students should understand the difference between a pure substance, a mixture, and a formulation, and what is meant by purity. Students should also have built upon their understanding of chromatography experiments from *Chapter C1* and be able to analyse a chromatogram, both qualitatively and quantitatively using  $R_f$  values.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term:

**Chemical analysis (Cont.):** Students should be able to describe the different experimental tests for gases, including both the procedure and positive result.

**The Earth's resources:** In this chapter, students will be learnt about the difference between finite and renewable resources. It is important that students understand that renewable resources are not an infinite supply, but are replaceable at a rate similar to the rate they are used up, whereas finite resources are used up faster than they can be replenished. Students should be able to describe the different ways that water is treated, both to create potable water and to remove waste products so it is safe to release into the environment.

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