

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## CHEMISTRY

**Rochdale**  
sixth form  
college

**1**

### **WHAT TOPICS DO YOU DO AT A-LEVEL?/DOES IT FOLLOW ON FROM GCSE CHEMISTRY?**

A-level Chemistry covers the same topics that you did at GCSE but in more detail. For example, at GCSE you will have done electron configuration. At A-level we look in greater detail the way electrons are organised in the atom.

**2**

### **RSFC DOES AQA 7405 CHEMISTRY BUT AT GCSE MY SCHOOL DID ANOTHER EXAM BOARD. WILL THIS MATTER?**

No, we start teaching from the fundamentals you need, and which are covered by all GCSE exam boards.

**3**

### **HOW IS A-LEVEL CHEMISTRY ASSESSED?**

After following the course for 2 years you will sit three 2-hour exams. These exams will decide your grade. There is also a practical endorsement element to the course. This is assessed as either pass or fail from the practical work you do in class throughout the two years. The final grade on your certificate will read as a grade then a pass/fail (e.g. B pass or B fail)

**4**

### **HOW OFTEN DO YOU DO PRACTICAL WORK?**

It depends on the topic we are studying. On average we do a practical once every 2 weeks. Each practical we do will be assessed in some way to ensure we can demonstrate that you have developed the practical skills you need to pass your endorsement. Initially this may be as simple as whether you are wearing safety equipment to in Y13 whether you can design and carry out an investigation independently.