

Ballymena Academy Biology Department

Year 10 Biology - Guidelines for Parents

General Advice 2021-2022



In class pupils should bring

- ✓ A ring binder (for worksheets, notes and tests)
- ✓ Pencil case with pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and highlighter. Colouring pencils are useful.

Homework

Pupils are encouraged to keep a Learning Log.

This is a summary of each lesson in a learning style that suits your child. This will provide a valuable resource when it comes to revising for the exams.



- ✓ Details written in homework diary for the day it is due.
- ✓ Title the homework and include the date
- ✓ Write in blue or black ink; draw graphs and diagrams in pencil.
- ✓ Feel free to sign your child's homework before they hand it in

Learning Log suggestions

Use colours and or highlighters to emphasise the key words.

Keep text concise and use diagram, flow charts and mind maps to help link concepts

- ✓ For topic tests and examinations (see 'Year 10 Big Picture') your child should be an active learner – some ideas:
 - labelling blank diagrams,
 - reading and then listing the main points,
 - using a revision guide
 - writing definitions, key facts or equations on post-it notes and sticking them round the room
 - getting a parent to ask them questions from their notes



**Some pupils may have an aversion to some Biology topics e.g. blood, if this is the case please inform their teacher or the Head of Biology
Dr. G. Pyper.**

If you have any questions regarding course content or your child's progress please contact their teacher of Dr. G. Pyper.