

## The Science Department

In Years 7 and 8, students study our own KS3 Science course in line with national curriculum requirements. From Year 9 to Year 11, all students study separate sciences, following the AQA GCSE specifications. More than 60% of students are awarded grade 7 - 9 in their science GCSEs.

The department also offers GCSE Astronomy.

A very large proportion of students continue to study the Sciences at A level with a number continuing each year to study Science at Oxford or Cambridge.

In Years 12 and 13 the OCR syllabus A is followed for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. The popularity of A level sciences means that in each year Chemistry has typically four A level classes, Biology four classes and Physics three classes.

The Science Faculty has a friendly and hard-working atmosphere with all staff striving to achieve the highest possible outcomes.

The school is housed in 200-year-old buildings of historic significance in an oasis of calm in the south west of the thriving naval city of Plymouth, within easy access to the beautiful scenery of Devon and Cornwall.

## **Further information**

Please take a look at our school website at <u>www.dhsb.org</u> where a wealth of information can be found.