



Science Department Description

The key values within the Netherhall School Science Department are energy, enthusiasm and passion to deliver excellent subject knowledge. The department, like the school, is collegiate in nature, and we have a diverse range of science experience in each subject area to support everyone, from the new-comer to the experienced teacher.

'Pupils value the guidance and support that they receive from staff. Sixth-form students serve as excellent role models for younger pupils.' OFSTED, 2025.

The Science Department has a high profile within the school, and as such, you'll be given generous curriculum time to thoroughly cover the syllabus at all levels. Lesson preparation time is also generous, so that lessons are vibrant and practical-based. The Science Department is well-resourced and has two full time science technicians to support members of the team. All of our labs are properly furnished, and all full-time staff have their own teaching room / laboratory, which provides a stable environment for both students and teachers.

'Staff, including those new to the profession, feel that the school is considerate of their well-being and workload.' OFSTED, 2025.

For GCSE, we follow the AQA Triple Award (Separate Science), Trilogy and Synergy (Combined Science Award); in A level Physics we use Edexcel, whilst Chemistry and Biology follow the OCR syllabus. Due to the popularity of our science courses at post-16 we have also introduced the OCR AAQ Applied Science course. We use the excellent Sparx platform for both KS3 and KS4 homework tasks, as well as the Seneca online platform for KS5.

'Pupils rise to the school's high expectations of their behaviour.' OFSTED, 2025.

The Science team provide after-school STEM opportunities and compete in the Olympiad Science competitions at both GCSE and A level. In addition to this, staff are actively encouraged to get involved in extracurricular and enrichment activities, such as the hugely popular Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, Go-ride Bike Club, X-Country Club and Ski Trip, to name just some of the brilliant opportunities.

'Pupils form positive relationships with each other and staff.' OFSTED, 2025.

If you would like to be part of the next exciting phase of Netherhall School's improvement, transforming young people's lives through the power of education, then please apply.

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