



Course:

Level: National 5

### Course Outline

The course consists of three units and an Assignment (N5):

- **Unit 1-Cell biology**
- **Unit 2-Biology: multicellular organisms**
- **Unit 3-Biology: life on Earth**

Assessment at N5 consists of 2 parts:

- A written examination paper (2 hour 30 minutes), marked externally by the SQA.
- An Assignment researched in class and at home. The Assignment is written up under exam conditions (1.5 hours) before being marked externally by SQA. The Assignment contributes 20% to the overall external assessment.

Topic tests and the Prelim will be a good indication of your child progress.

- Unit 1 contains 2 topic tests.
- Unit 2 contains 2 topic tests.
- Unit 3 contains 3 topic tests.

To improve on his current performance with **National 5** your child could use some of the following strategies:-

Strategy	✓
Produce a study planner to ensure regular study each week	
Revise course notes regularly to keep on top of course content	
Make use of spider diagrams, cue cards or other study aids to help organise key pieces of information	
Complete all homework tasks set and on hand in on time	
Attend supported study classes on offer	
Attend Easter School classes on offer	
Attend Saturday School classes on offer	
Attempt SQA past examination questions under timed conditions – <a href="http://www.sqa.org.uk">www.sqa.org.uk</a>	
Ensure deadlines are met for SQA assignments and projects	
Identify command words at the start of questions to ensure questions are answered properly	
Apply more effort in class to ensure all work is complete	
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Make use of on-line learning resources (noted below)	
Engage more with classroom discussions and focus on activities to develop knowledge and understanding	
Extend the level of detail and exemplification in written work	
Prepare thoroughly for class assessments and act on any feedback provided by class teachers	
Work to the best of your ability and take a more serious attitude to your studies.	
Improve attendance and catch up on any work missed.	
Use feedback from the prelim / class assessments to inform revision planning and identify areas for improvement e.g. Units, problem solving	
<b>Work towards the final N5 examination in May/June</b>	

Websites – [www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)    <https://www.youtube.com>    <https://www.bbc.com/education>

[https://www.sqa.org.uk/files\\_ccc/BiologyCourseSpecN5.pdf](https://www.sqa.org.uk/files_ccc/BiologyCourseSpecN5.pdf)

Past papers and marking schemes are available here for 2016-2018. Scroll down and click the past papers link. <https://www.sqa.org.uk/sqa/47427.html>

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Respect

Responsibility

Ambition

