

GCSE GATEWAY SCIENCES NEWSLETTER

SUPPORT FOR SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

For: Head of Science/Key Stage 4 Co-ordinator

Available Now

- Skills Assessment Support Booklet (Science)
 - Detailed support for the Can-Do tasks and Science in the News including exemplar reports with commentaries.
 - Free electronic version online for downloading (see 'Online Support').
 - Hard copies available through the OCR Publications department (catalogue code: gateway/sup/06). Visit http://www.ocr.org and select 'Publications' for ordering details.
- ➤ End of Module Tests: CD-ROM 1 (Biology, Chemistry and Physics Units 1 3) (Heinemann OCR collaboration)
 - Tests with mark schemes at Foundation and Higher tier.
 - Available through the Customer Contact Centre (01223 553998). Schools and colleges registered with the gcse-science.com website by 31st August 2006 will have been sent the CD already.
- January 2007 Papers
 - Available for download from the main OCR website: http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/For2006-NewGCSEGatewayScienceSuite.html
 Mark schemes and reports will be available shortly (March/April).

Coming Soon

- Skills Assessment Support Booklet (Additional Science)
 - Detailed support for the Research studies, Data tasks and Practical skills including exemplar reports with commentaries.
 - Available on the www.gcse-science.com website (without confidential material) and OCR interchange website by the beginning of April 2007.
 Dispatched to schools and colleges registered on gcse-science.com in the Summer term.
- ➤ End of Module Tests: CD-ROM 2 (Biology, Chemistry and Physics Units 4 6) (Heinemann OCR collaboration)
 - Tests with mark schemes at Foundation and Higher tier.
 - To be distributed to schools and colleges registered on gcse-science.com, in May 2007.

Online Support

Available on three different websites:

http://www.gcse-science.com

- Non-confidential support materials.
- Access to specifications, specimen papers, electronic mark books for the recording of Can-Do tasks and the Skills Assessment Support Booklet (without confidential sections).
- Registration page ensure that your school is registered by the 7th April 2007 to receive the support materials that are coming soon.

https://interchange.ocr.org.uk

- Confidential support material for downloading, including all stimulus material and the full version of the Skills Assessment Support Booklet for Science.
- Full instructions for obtaining access to the secure website are found in the document 'Using OCR Interchange' on the www.gcse-science.com website. Navigate to it via the blue menu bar, selecting 'Support Materials' then 'Gateway Science'.

http://www.ocr.org.uk

- The main OCR website providing comprehensive information on all qualifications backed up with downloadable documents and support materials.
- Navigate to Gateway documents by selecting 'Qualifications', 'GCSE' and 'GCSE Science: Gateway Science Suite - for 2006'.

Gateway Support Network

- Join other schools in your area offering Gateway science courses and form a cluster.
- Each cluster appoints its own co-ordinator who receives additional free training and support. Following training events, resources are provided for distribution to members of the cluster.
- New co-ordinators need to register on gcse-science.com.