JANUARY MODULE

We enter students for the first module in January of Year 12. This will account for 30% of their AS mark. With this in mind work must begin in earnest from the outset as failure to do so will impact on the January mark and their ability to continue with the AS Biology course.

MODULE DATES

January 2010

Unit (F211) Cells, Exchange and Transport

Summer 2010

Unit (F212) Molecules, Biodiversity and Human interactions

CONTINUING TO A2

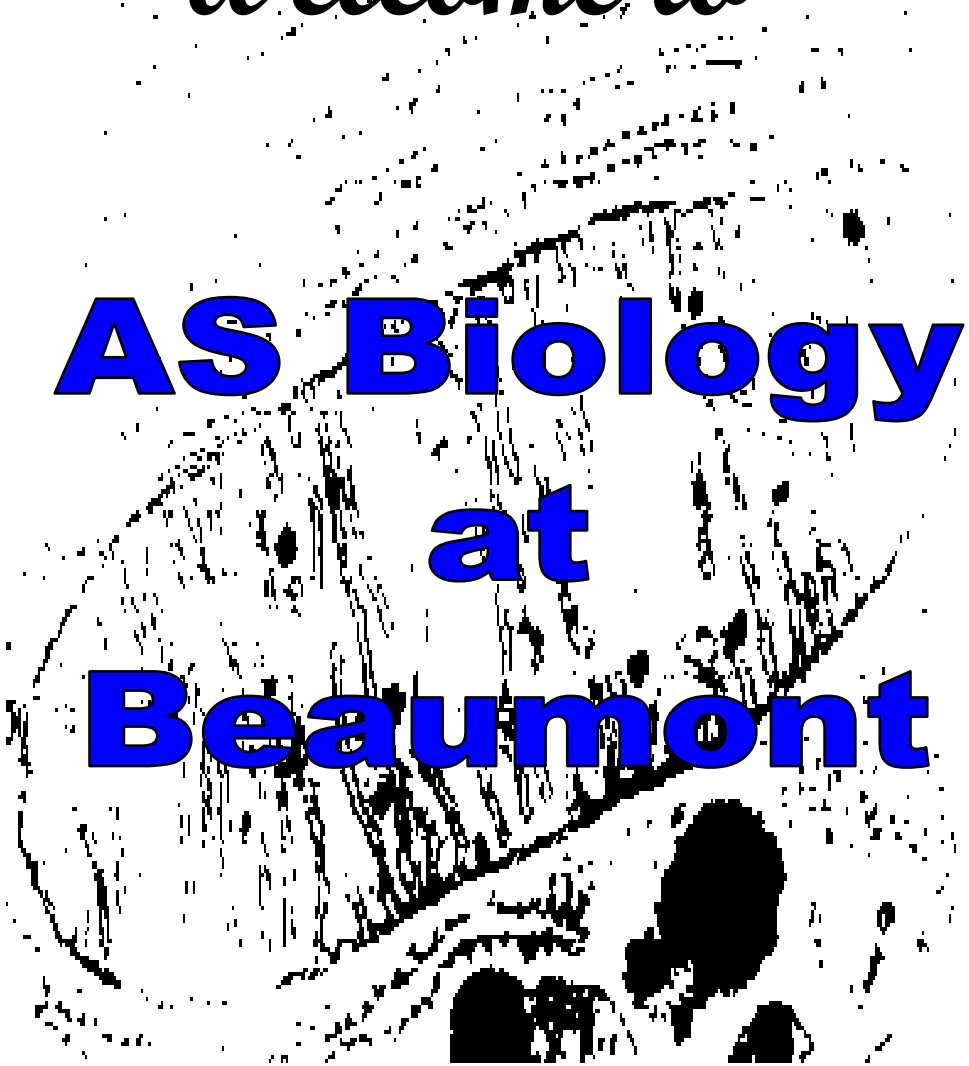
The panel on the right shows the grade a student should expect at A2 based on the grade they achieve at AS. A student gaining a D at AS will fail A2 if they continue at the same level.

AS Grade	A2 Grade
A	A
	B
B	C
	D
C	E
	Fail

In November of A2 there is a residential field trip which will cover the ecology part of the syllabus. Accommodation, food and transport for this will cost between £350 & £400

Welcome to

AS Biology at Beaumont



Parents and students should read this information leaflet carefully. & keep it for future reference

Parents please complete the reply slip to say that you have read this booklet. Thanks.

There is only one term until the first exam which is not long!

This leaflet is designed to ensure that you know what is going on, and what is expected of you as students. ***It is important that parents also know from the start so that they do not suddenly get any nasty shocks.***

ATTITUDE

There is an enormous leap from GCSE to A level. Students at A level are here because they have chosen to be. We therefore expect them to be self motivated and take responsibility for their own learning. If there is something they are unsure about they ***must take the initiative to ask***. When homework is set it must be handed in by the deadline or it may not be marked and the student will not receive the feedback and experience they would have gained.

HOMEWORK

In Biology, students always have homework even if it is not a set piece to hand in. Every week students should be reading about the subject from their issued text book, library books and the internet. The county and university libraries are good sources. The students should use this to make their own notes in advance of the lessons so that they can use the lessons to understand & discuss the work rather than making notes from scratch.

After the lessons they may want to do some more background reading and consolidate their notes.

Everything we do needs to be ***memorised*** thoroughly for the exams. It is very difficult to do this all at the end, so each week students should memorise that week's work. This will make final revision easier but also help with understanding as each lesson's work will often build on the previous lesson.

WRITTEN NOTES

Students are totally responsible for their own written notes and these should form the core of their records. When they read around the subject they should add this information to their notes. When they revise they should revise from their notes. ***On no account should they try to revise from text books or revision guides.*** Revision guides only give a summary of the work and the best exam grade from these will be an E.

THE PRACTICAL SKILLS MODULE (F213)

Students must complete three tasks.

1. Qualitative task
2. Quantitative task
3. Evaluative task

These tasks are set by the exam board & must be completed in school. Dates will be provide in advance but it is essential students complete these as failure to do so will prevent them from completing the AS. We are aiming to complete 2 of each task and the best mark is submitted to the board. These tasks contribute 20% to the final mark for AS.