**Sixth Form Tasks – Biology**

**Information for Students**

Each A-level requires a minimum of 5 hours of private study a week.

* With two Biology teachers that breaks down to 2.5 hours each.

The questions etc set to be completed each week will usually take about an hour.

* These questions/tasks should only be started once you have read your textbooks and class notes on that topic. See first two points below.
* It is assumed that your notes and textbooks *will* be used to help you. We do not expect perfect recall until exam time. The questions are for practice in applying your knowledge, not testing your memory.
* Failure to refer to books etc when required is a considerable weakness rather than a strength!

That leaves at an hour or more to be spent reviewing the lessons covered by that teacher each week.

In addition to the questions set to be handed in *each week*, you should:

- *review* your copy of the specification and learning objectives to focus your notes.

- read the pages indicated in your Programme of Study, *adding to class notes as appropriate.*

- *read ahead* to familiarise yourself with the next topic.

-attempt the questions in the text books, especially any *exam questions*, to practise using your knowledge.

 - ensure your file is organised and notes are written up clearly.

- produce clear *revision notes* while the information and key points are fresh in your minds. This will improve your understanding and make exam preparation much easier later.

As you can see, there is more than enough to be done in the time available. Many students find they spend more than 5 hours a week studying a demanding A-level like Biology. However, the rewards more than compensate them at the end of the course.