**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 per teacher.**

* These questions/tasks should only be started once you have read your textbooks and class notes on that topic. See first point 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!
* When you think you have finished the task go back and proofread everything thoroughly – this means the questions/task and your answers.

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 must:**

- review your copy of the specification and read all the relevant pages of your textbook. While doing this you need to add to your class notes as necessary.

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

**If you have any remaining time from your 5 hours each week you should:**

- 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.

- broaden your knowledge and understanding by using the Biological Sciences Review magazine found in the Library section of Firefly. The search box (top right) will help you search for relevant articles.

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

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

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.

Good luck!