

## Ballyclare High School Y13 Physics



Y13 pupils are studying the CCEA AS Physics course.

The AS course comprise theory and practical units and carries exactly **40%** the marks needed for the full A2 physics qualification. The AS assessment weighting for the units is shown in the table below:

Unit	AS Weighting (%)	Examined by:	Date
Physics AS.3 (Practical Exam)	10	60 minute <b>practical examination</b>	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Physics AS.1	40	1hour 45 minute written paper	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2025
Physics AS.2	40	1hour 45 minute written paper	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 2025
Physics AS.3 (Practical)	10	60 minute <b>practical theory</b> paper	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025

There is **no** coursework element in the AS (or A2) CCEA physics course.

### **Homework**

Homework is regarded as an essential element of preparation for the AS examinations. If properly used, homework assignments provide feedback to both the teacher and pupil on how well they are handling the demands of the course. **Homework forms a regular and important part of consolidation of the work covered in lessons.** Reflecting over what has been learned from homework tasks and attempting additional related questions is an essential aspect of independent study. **If pupils do not engage meaningfully with homework and independent study, then this is highly likely to be reflected in a disappointing grade at the end of the year.**

### **Assessment**

Pupils are assessed and given feedback on their progress using a combination of end-of-topic and cumulative tests that are based on past examination paper questions. Tests occur at approximately monthly intervals throughout the Y13 course.

### **Additional Support**

A past paper study booklet is produced for each unit that each pupil needs to purchase at the appropriate stage of the course. These booklets provide an extensive past paper question resource and are sold to pupils at a price that just covers photocopying and binding costs (the **AS1 and AS3B booklets** is a combined cost of **£4.50**). The questions from these booklets should form part of **4 to 5 hours** of independent study outside of class (i.e., in private study or at home) per week.

In addition to timetabled lessons, teachers are always willing to meet with pupils at mutually arranged times to discuss difficulties. This provides an opportunity for pupils who are having problems with any specific elements of their physics course to get additional help.

Teachers may also communicate with pupils through the **Google Classroom** digital platform.