A-level sciences
Timeline for practical work monitoring

The monitoring timeline supporting the practical endorsement for science A-levels has been confirmed for the next examination series. We’ve summarised the main dates for you to keep in mind.

Sep 2017
Updated Practicals webpage available, including our evaluated free online practical endorsement Lead Teacher training.

Oct 2017
All schools allocated to AQA will have had notice of their next visit.

Nov 2017 to early Feb 2018
First wave of practical advisory visits to schools take place*.

Late Feb 2018 to Mar 2018
Second wave of practical advisory visits to schools take place*. Repeat advisory visits to schools take place if needed.

15 May 2018
Schools must report students’ pass/non-classified in the endorsement to exam boards by 15 May 2018.

May 2018 to Jul 2018

Oct 2018 to Dec 2018
Third and final wave of practical advisory visits to schools take place this series*. Repeat advisory visits to schools to take place if needed.

Feb 2019 to Apr 2019
Repeat advisory visits to schools take place if needed.

15 May 2019
Schools must report students’ pass/non-classified in the endorsement to exam boards by 15 May 2019.

1 We’re splitting the monitoring visits into three waves to avoid the start of the academic year or times when you’re concentrating on preparing students for exams. Your Visiting Practical Adviser will give you at least two weeks’ notice of their visit and will try to be flexible around your teaching timetable.

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