

Chemistry

(Combined and Triple) **Top Tips**

**AIMING FOR GRADES
8 AND 9**

The skills and/or topics needed to achieve Grades 8 & 9 are . . .

Multi step calculations - could be titration or reacting masses

Equilibria and the effect of changing temp and pressure

Electrolysis and half equations

If aiming for Grades 8 & 9 you will need to particularly focus on this in your exam papers . . .

Maths skills - show your working at all stages. Try to layout your working out logically so the examiner can follow your thought process - even if you make a mistake at one step, the examiner will credit you if you have done the following steps correctly.

Explanations - be clear and concise - don't waffle or try to fill the space given. You will contradict yourself and lose marks.

6 mark questions - bullet points are preferable. Make links between the ideas. Reread the question to ensure you have written about everything the question asks for and used all the information given

You can find resources to support your preparation at . . .

AQA website for past papers, mark schemes and examiners reports

Physics and Maths Tutor for revision resources and past paper questions

When completing independent revision you should . . .

Check the mark scheme carefully when you have answered past paper questions - there is always lots of detail about what is accepted and what will not be credited. Will also tell you what answers will lose you marks e.g. in a question about ionic bonding, if you talk about electrons being shared you will score zero even if the rest of your answer is OK!

Use the examiners report - this tells you how many people got the question right, was it designed to be a more challenging question, misconceptions etc

Top tips for aiming for Grades 8 & 9

Tackle the topics you think are hardest **FIRST**

