

Advanced Higher Biology Investigation Timeline

1. Introduction

June 2007

- Introduction to the Investigation (importance, topic, marking)
- Issue SQA guidelines on Investigation
- Class time used to discuss possible project topics
- Brainstorming of ideas should take place during the summer

2. Daybooks

w/b 17 August

- Daybooks issued
- Information on keeping a daybook

3. Evidence of Brainstorming

w/b 7 September

- Several ideas should be written up in Daybook
- Each should be supported by website, text, media references, etc.
- **Daybooks will be collected** to check that above is complete

4. Finalise Topic

w/b 28 September

- Aim to be clearly stated in Daybook
- **Daybooks will be collected** to check that above is complete
- Upon return of Daybook, topic should be more thoroughly investigated. All relevant background information and references should be recorded in Daybook

5. First Draft of Plan

w/b 9 November

- Proposed procedure, apparatus and material should be identified
- **Daybooks will be collected** to check that investigation of topic and all relevant background information is complete and that the procedure, apparatus and materials required have been recorded
- Possible hypothesis should be formulated

6. Finalised Plan

w/b 7 December

- Plan must be clearly stated and detailed
- All necessary apparatus and materials must be listed
- Schedule of practical activity must be included in the plan
- **Daybooks will be collected** to check that above is complete

7. Carrying out Investigation

Class time during the following weeks will be dedicated to Investigations

- w/b 8 February Practical Work
- w/b 15 February Practical Work
- w/b 22 February Practical Work
- w/b 1 March Report Writing
- w/b 8 March Report Writing
- w/b 15 March Report Writing

8. First Draft of Report

w/b 22 March

- A first draft of the investigation will be collected and marked by the teacher
- Report will be returned to pupil with suggestions for improvement

9. Final Draft of Report

w/b 12th April

- This version will be collected and submitted to the SQA FOR EXTERNAL ASSESSMENT!
- At this time Daybooks will also be collected for the final time and marked on a PASS/FAIL basis as the NAB INTERNAL ASSESSMENT, in accordance with Outcomes 1 and 2 as stated in the Pupil Investigation Guidance from the SQA