A Brief Introduction to A level Chemistry at Lady Lumley's School

Welcome to the study of A level Chemistry at Lady Lumley's School. Congratulations - you have already made one of the best decisions of your life by choosing this subject. A level Chemistry is an interesting and challenging subject to study, and success in this course will help you in any career choices you make in the future.

The specification we follow is AQA chemistry 7404, 7405.

Assessment at end of AS 2 papers (1½ hours each)
Assessment at end of A2 3 papers (2 hours each)

Practicals are an important part of the course. Your skills in carrying them out will be assessed during the course although these assessments will not count toward your final grade. There will be questions based on the practicals you did in the written examinations.

What you need to be successful at A level Chemistry

You need to be very familiar and comfortable with the Chemistry content of your GCSE science course. You also need to be comfortable with simple algebraic manipulation in maths.

For instance: if there are 2 Mars Bars and 5 people, how many Mars Bars each?*

If you found that sum really simple, you will be okay. If not, do some maths practice over the summer.

What do you need to do next?

Make a list of "things I found difficult" and bring that list to your first lesson.

Read and complete the A level transition material and bring that list to your first lesson.

*0.4 or 2/5 of a Mars Bars each