

Review

Edexcel 360Science - GCSE Additional Science (Teacher's guide with CD-ROM)
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I found this course booklet and CD-ROM informative and with some nice bits like exploding bubbles. It's about time we got some of the fun back into Science. I particularly liked the interactive nature of the electronic books. I did not find the video clips very inspiring and some were plain boring.

The course lesson layouts and suggestions were great but I would have liked to see some further guidance, other than foundation and higher, to aid differentiation for teachers. For example if a child got Level 3 at KS3 they would expect to find this lesson hard, if a child got Level 4 at KS3 they would expect to struggle with this lesson, if a child got Level 5 at KS3 they could expect to find this lesson challenging, if a child got level 6+ at KS3 they would expect to find this lesson easy. You could even use the smiley faces type symbols next to the Level numbers to save on printing space for each one.

If this is not possible then at least a few words of guidance in the introduction such as "Students achieving level 6+ at KS3 are ideally suited to this course." Students achieving level 5 may expect to find 20% of this course hard. Students achieving level 4 may expect to find 40% of this course hard. Students achieving level 3 at KS3 are not suited to this course".

Where VERY OLD experiments/investigations are described such as tickertapes for speed & acceleration I would like to see suggestions of new twists that teachers can put on them such as using hot wheels tracks and cars. **This expert knowledge needs to be passed on to everyone.** The same can be said for suggestions for games, toys and rhymes to help engage learners.

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