



Key issues in the current delivery of 'A' level Biology in the UK:

- Developing skills of independent learning
- Students have to be **actively encouraged** to explore beyond their specification! Modular courses and coursework demands leave little time for exploring ideas!
- Students only perceive biology in the context of what they have already studied at school – often limited in their expectations!
- Often perceived as the easiest of the sciences!
- Developing wider skills of communication, problem solving and teamwork





How do we tackle these issues?:

- Developing skills of independent learning by actively encouraging wider reading by providing support materials on a topic basis
- Regular extension sessions using visiting speakers and students giving presentations on a topic they have studied independently
- Enter students for the British Biology Olympiad which demands additional study
- Enter students for extension papers
eg. Advanced Extension Award
- Run enrichment classes in group project work eg. one accredited by the University of Liverpool

