

Biology Syllabus for 1st & 2nd year / A - Level

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- More on Endoplasmic Reticulum (ER)
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- Factors Affecting the Rate of Enzyme Action

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- Gaseous Exchange in Plants
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