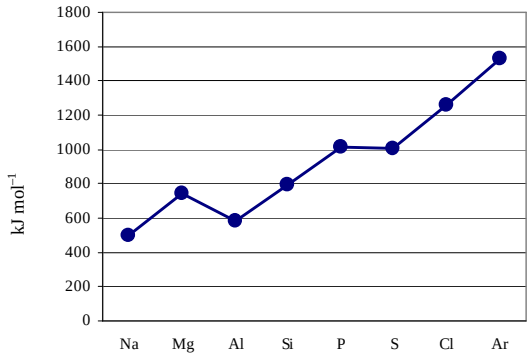
Marks 3

- The diagram below shows the general trend for the first ionisation energy for some *s* and *p* block elements.



How will the general trend differ for the second ionisation energy of these elements (*i.e.* $X^+(g) \rightarrow X^{2+}(g) + e^-$)? Explain.

The second ionisation of Na will be off the scale as a core electron is ionised. (Actual value > 4500 kJ mol^{-1})

Mg^+ is isoelectronic with Na, Al^+ is isoelectronic with Mg, *etc*., so the second ionisations of the other elements follow the same trends as the first ionisations (for exactly the same reasons), but displaced one atomic number to the right and at a slightly higher energy (as Z_{eff} is greater).