



# Curriculum Map 2024 – 2025 – KS5 Science



OCR A-Level Biology

Year 12

Term	Assessments	Topics	Skills	Personal Development
Autumn	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Physics.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).</p>	<p><b>2. Basic components of cells</b>            Microscopy            Magnification and calibration            More microscopy            Eukaryotic cell structure            The ultrastructure of cells            Prokaryotic and eukaryotic cells</p>	<p>Safely and correctly use a range of practical equipment and materials</p> <p>Follow written instructions</p> <p>Make and record observations/measurements</p> <p>Make representations of cell structures as seen under the light microscope using drawings and annotated diagrams of whole cells or cells in sections of tissue</p> <p>Use and manipulate of the magnification formula, including the use of an eye piece graticule and stage micrometer</p>	<p>Develop and demonstrate a deep appreciation of the skills, knowledge and understanding of scientific methods</p> <p>Develop competence and confidence in a variety of practical, mathematical and problem solving skills</p>
		<p><b>3. Biological molecules</b>            Biological elements            Water            Carbohydrates            Testing for carbohydrates            Lipids            The structure of proteins            Types of proteins            Nucleic acids            DNA replication and the genetic code            Protein synthesis            ATP</p>	<p>Practical skills            Modelling skills</p> <p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Processing, analysing and interpreting qualitative and quantitative experimental results</p> <p>Using ICT such as computer modelling, or a data logger to collect data, or use of software to process data</p> <p>Separation of biological compounds using paper chromatography</p> <p>Use of appropriate instrumentation to record quantitative measurements, using a colorimeter</p>	<p>Opportunities for computer-modelling training.</p> <p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Opportunities to develop interleaving skills to apply understanding of concepts in novel situations,</p>
		<p><b>4. Plasma membranes</b>            The structure and function of membranes            Factors affecting membrane structure            Diffusion            Active transport            Osmosis</p>	<p>Use of appropriate instrumentation to record quantitative measurements, such as a colorimeter</p> <p>Use of laboratory glassware apparatus for a variety of experimental techniques to include serial dilutions</p>	<p>Recognise the role of membranes as a binding site for medicinal and recreational drugs and develop ideas around how the movement of molecules across membranes can lead to the development of novel solutions to the movement of natural and synthetic molecules in and out of cells.</p> <p>Develop a deeper appreciation of the limitations in experimental procedures.</p>

		<p><b>5. Enzymes</b> Enzyme action Factors affecting enzyme action Enzyme inhibitors Cofactors, coenzymes and prosthetic groups</p>	<p><b>Modelling skills using various media.</b></p> <p>Measurement of gradients and intercepts</p> <p>The identification of anomalies in experimental measurements and the limitations in experimental procedures</p> <p>Using a range of laboratory glassware apparatus for a variety of experimental techniques to include serial dilutions</p>	<p>Identifying how diet and innate ability allow all organisms the ability to carry out all the chemical reactions needed to sustain life. This can be related to healthy lifestyle in humans and high-level nutrition of crops,</p> <p>Recognising the importance of variables and sequential thinking to problem-solve and investigate the various ways to affect enzyme action. This contains links to farming/fishing industries and healthcare and research.</p> <p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p>
		<p><b>6. Nucleic acids and Cell division</b> Cell cycle Mitosis Meiosis The organisation and specialisation of cells Stem cells</p>	<p>Production of scientific drawings from observations with annotations</p>	<p>Recognising the importance and potential of various types of stem cells in medical and research-based contexts.</p> <p>Recognising that animals and plants contain stem cells and identifying the key similarities and differences.</p>
		<p><b>7. Exchange surfaces</b> Specialised exchange surfaces Mammalian gaseous exchange system Measuring the process Ventilation and gas exchange in other organisms</p>	<p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Processing, analysing and interpreting qualitative and quantitative experimental results</p>	<p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Analysing and interpreting various examples of primary and secondary data sets.</p> <p>Using animals/human samples to study life processes with respect and the understanding of the value of life.</p>
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		<p><b>9. Transport in plants</b> Transport systems in dicotyledonous plants Water transport in multicellular plants Transpiration Translocation Plant adaptations to water availability</p>	<p>Use of appropriate instrumentation to record quantitative measurements, such as a potometer</p> <p>Communicate information and ideas in appropriate ways using appropriate terminology</p>	<p>Develop essential knowledge and understanding of different areas of the subject and how they relate to each other</p> <p>Understand how society makes decisions about scientific issues and how the sciences contribute to the success of the economy and society</p>
		<p><b>10. Communicable diseases</b> Animal and plant pathogens Animal and plant diseases</p>	<p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p>	<p>Recognising the need and value of vaccinations, morally and economically, both routine and epi/pandemic related.</p>

		<p>The transmission of communicable disease</p> <p>Plant defence against communicable diseases</p> <p>Nonspecific animal defences against pathogens</p> <p>The specific immune system</p> <p>Preventing and treating disease</p>	<p>Processing, analysing and interpreting qualitative and quantitative experimental results</p> <p>Using online and offline research skills including websites, textbooks and other printed scientific sources of information and correctly cite sources of information</p>	<p>Recognising the need for high levels of biodiversity in the advent of personalised medicines and discovery of new medicines for new/existing diseases.</p> <p>Understanding the history of medicines and recognising the speed of progress since the 1920s and the modern-day hazards of antibiotic resistance.</p> <p>Recognising what variables influence disease transmission, and how to live healthily to prevent disease and how we can aid other communities to prevent disease (example: Malaria).</p>
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Summer	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Physics.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment</p>	<p><b>11. Classification and evolution</b></p> <p>Classification</p> <p>The five kingdoms</p> <p>Phylogeny</p> <p>Evidence for evolution</p> <p>Types of variation</p> <p>Representing variation graphically</p> <p>Adaptations</p> <p>Changing population characteristics</p>	<p>Use knowledge and understanding to pose scientific questions, define scientific problems, present scientific arguments, and scientific ideas.</p> <p>Analyse and interpret data to provide evidence, recognising correlations and causal relationships</p> <p>Evaluate methodology, evidence, and data, and resolve conflicting evidence</p>	<p>Use knowledge and understanding to pose scientific questions, Define scientific problems, present scientific arguments and scientific ideas</p> <p>Develop an understanding of how the contributions of Darwin and Wallace helped to formulate the theory of evolution by natural selection and how new theories can be developed over time through collaborative thinking.</p>
		<p><b>12. Biodiversity</b></p> <p>Biodiversity</p> <p>Sampling</p> <p>Sampling techniques</p> <p>Calculating biodiversity</p> <p>Calculating genetic biodiversity</p> <p>Factors affecting biodiversity</p> <p>Reasons for maintaining biodiversity</p> <p>Methods for maintaining biodiversity</p>	<p>Using mathematical skills to calculate specific biological values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simpson's index of Diversity</li> <li>Genetic Diversity (proportion of polymorphic gene loci)</li> <li>Population size</li> </ul>	<p>Recognise the need for high levels of biodiversity in the advent of personalised medicines and discovery of new medicines for new/existing diseases.</p> <p>Consider ethical issues in the treatment of humans, other organisms, and the environment, with specific reference to conservation.</p> <p>Evaluate the ways in which society uses science to inform decision making.</p>

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		<p><b>14. Homeostasis</b></p> <p>The principles of homeostasis Thermoregulation Thermoregulation in ectotherms Thermoregulation in endotherms Excretion, homeostasis and the liver The structure and function of the mammalian kidney The kidney and osmoregulation Urine and diagnosis Kidney failure</p>	<p>Make representations of cell structures as seen under the light microscope using drawings and annotated diagrams of whole cells, cells in sections of tissue or more general organisation of structures within organs</p> <p>Transverse dissection of mammalian kidney to identify key structures and regions.</p>	<p>Carry out simple experimental and investigative activities in relation to thermoregulation.</p> <p>Consider ethical issues in the treatment of humans, with specific reference to dialysis techniques, transplantation of human organs and use of stem cells.</p>
		<p><b>15. Neuronal communication</b></p> <p>Coordination Neurones Sensory receptors Nervous transmission Synapses Organisation of the nervous system Structure and function of the brain Reflexes Voluntary and involuntary muscles Sliding filament model</p>	<p>Make representations of cell structures as seen under the light microscope using drawings and annotated diagrams of whole cells or cells in sections of tissue</p> <p>Extraction of muscle tissue from chicken wings using practiced dissection methods</p>	<p>Understanding of how the erosion of neuronal communication structures within humans can lead to acute disease (e.g. multiple sclerosis)</p> <p>Use appropriate methodology, including information and communication technology (ICT), to answer scientific questions and solve scientific problems</p>

		<p><b>16. Hormonal communication</b>            Hormonal communication            Structure and function of the pancreas            Regulation of blood glucose            Diabetes and its control            Coordinated response            Controlling heart rate</p>	<p>Using mathematical skills to calculate statistical values.</p> <p>Carry out experimental and investigative activities relating to heart rate and variable affecting heart rate such as drugs.</p>	<p>Relating lifestyle choices to non-communicable diseases – diabetes mellitus. Alongside distinguishing between lifestyle and genetic/autoimmune causes of disease.</p> <p>Identify advantages and disadvantages of insulin produced by pigs and bacteria.</p>
		<p><b>17. Plant responses</b>            Plant hormones and growth in plants            Plant responses to abiotic stress            Plant response to herbivory            Tropisms in plants            The commercial use of plant hormones</p>	<p>Carry out experimental and investigative activities relating to phototropism and responses to abiotic stress.</p>	<p>Analyse and interpret data to provide evidence, recognising correlations and causal relationships.</p> <p>Development of investigative design with specific focus on control of key variables (photo/ geotropism)</p> <p>Recognising that specific chemicals which facilitate responses to abiotic stress in plants can be used within a medicinal or recreational context.</p>
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<b>Spring</b>	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined)            Practical            Endorsement in Physics.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment</p>	<p><b>18. Genetics of living systems &amp; patterns of inheritance and variation</b>            Mutations and variation            Control of gene expression            Body plans</p> <p>Variation and inheritance            Monogenic inheritance            Dihybrid inheritance            Phenotypic ratios            Evolution            Speciation and artificial selection</p>	<p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Processing, analysing and interpreting qualitative and quantitative experimental results</p>	<p>Recognising the causes of many genetic conditions and that there is usually no “fault” by either parent. Analysing how life controls genetic issues and the implications if a mutation is ignored by these mechanisms.</p> <p>Relating all species that have ever (and will ever) exist in relation to “Hox” genes, to show the highly conserved nature of these genes throughout history.</p> <p>Relating cell death and development from conception and the factors that influence this.</p> <p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Recognising the role of geographical mechanisms of evolving new species over time.</p> <p>Considering the ethics of artificial selection (dogs) from wolves, to working dogs, to competition style dogs (Crufts and Alsatisans as an example).</p>
		<p><b>19. Manipulating genomes &amp; AMGEN</b>            DNA profiling            DNA sequencing and analysis            Using DNA sequencing            Genetic engineering            Gene technology and ethics</p>	<p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Processing, analysing and interpreting qualitative and quantitative experimental results</p> <p>Separation of biological compounds using electrophoresis</p>	<p>Recognising the fast improvement in genetics since the 90s and the development of the Human Genome Project.</p> <p>Relating this development to at-home DNA testing and data management of DNA.</p> <p>Further opportunity to discuss computational biology to map epidemiology and evolutionary relationships.</p> <p>Discussing the ethics of using the genes of one organism being placed in a vector for genetic engineering.</p>

				Opportunity to use university-level equipment (from the University of Hertfordshire and the AMGEN Biotechnology Experience).
		<p><b>20. Cloning and biotechnology</b>            Natural cloning in plants            Artificial cloning in plants            Cloning in animals            Microorganisms and biotechnology            Culturing microorganisms in the laboratory            Culturing microorganisms on an industrial scale            Using immobilised enzymes</p>	<p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Processing, analysing and interpreting qualitative and quantitative experimental results</p>	<p>Recognising the risks of natural clones (including multiple births), and the economic impacts of these risks (bananas and <i>Fusarium</i> wilt (aka Panama disease)).</p> <p>Evaluating the uses of animal cloning in agriculture and medicine. To include longevity and quality of life of these animals).</p> <p>Evaluate the use of microorganisms in biotechnology and how these may influence future food/medicine security or sewage treatment (Quorn, cheese-making, penicillin production, bioremediation,).</p> <p>Using mathematical skills to calculate biological values.</p> <p>Evaluate the benefits of enzyme immobilisation, in both wastage and economic terms.</p>
		<p><b>21. Ecosystems, populations and sustainability</b>            Ecosystems            Biomass transfer through an ecosystem            Recycling within ecosystems            Succession            Measuring distribution and abundance of organisms</p> <p>Population size            Competition            Predatory prey relationships            Conservation and preservation            Sustainability            Ecosystem management – Masai Mara            Ecosystem management – Terai region of Nepal            Ecosystem management – peat bogs            Environmentally sensitive ecosystems</p>	<p>To be able to use (and recall the formulas for) a range of mathematical skills to determine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Efficiency of biomass transfer,</li> <li>- Distribution and abundance of organisms in a variety of ecosystems, and</li> <li>- The application of the student “t” test to determine statistical significances between given factors</li> </ul>	<p>Recognise the need for high levels of biodiversity in the advent of personalised medicines and discovery of new medicines for new/existing diseases.</p> <p>Consider ethical issues in the treatment of humans, other organisms, and the environment, with specific reference to ecosystem management in a areas with varied environmental pressures.</p> <p>Evaluate the ways in which society uses science to inform decision making.</p>
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<b>Summer</b>	<b>One test at the end of each topic</b>  Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Physics.  This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment	<b>Revision</b>
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# OCR A. A-level Chemistry

## Year 12

Term	Assessments	Topics	Skills	Personal Development
<b>Autumn</b>	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Chemistry.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).</p>	<p><b>Foundations in chemistry –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atoms, ions and compounds.</li> <li>• Amount of substance.</li> <li>• Acids and redox.</li> <li>• Electrons and bonding.</li> <li>• Shapes of molecules and intermolecular forces.</li> </ul>	<p>Using and manipulating formulae.</p> <p>Reacting masses and moles.</p> <p>Volumetric analysis.</p> <p>Representing chemical structures.</p> <p>Redox equations.</p>	<p>Historical development of scientific ideas (atomic structure)</p> <p>Big Bang theory and the origin of elements in outer space.</p>
		<p><b>Periodic table and energy –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodicity.</li> <li>• Reactivity trends.</li> <li>• Enthalpy.</li> <li>• Reaction rate and equilibrium.</li> </ul>	<p>Using and manipulating formulae.</p> <p>Representing chemical structures.</p> <p>Measuring enthalpy changes in reactions.</p> <p>Determining rates of reaction.</p>	<p>Polluting affects of combustion of fossil fuels.</p> <p>Comparing fuels and consideration of alternatives to fossil fuels.</p> <p>Selecting materials for different uses.</p> <p>The sea as a source of a range of chemicals.</p>
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<b>Spring</b>	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Chemistry.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment</p>	<p><b>Periodic table and energy –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Periodicity.</li> <li>• Reactivity trends.</li> <li>• Enthalpy.</li> <li>• Reaction rate and equilibrium.</li> </ul> <p><b>Core Organic Chemistry -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic concepts of organic chemistry</li> <li>• Alkanes</li> <li>• Alkenes</li> <li>• Alcohols</li> <li>• Haloalkanes</li> <li>• Organic Synthesis</li> </ul>	<p>Using and manipulating formulae.</p> <p>Representing chemical structures.</p> <p>Measuring enthalpy changes in reactions.</p> <p>Determining rates of reaction.</p> <p>Representing chemical structures.</p> <p>Using analytical skills to</p>	<p>Polluting affects of combustion of fossil fuels.</p> <p>Comparing fuels and consideration of alternatives to fossil fuels.</p> <p>Selecting materials for different uses.</p> <p>The sea as a source of a range of chemicals.</p> <p>Manufacturing processes in the chemical industry. Consideration of best conditions for an industrial process.</p> <p>Green chemistry</p> <p>Consideration of medicines from nature.</p>



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spectroscopy</li> </ul>	identify compounds.	<p>Stages in synthesis of a medicine.</p> <p>Uses of polymers.</p>
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Summer	<p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Chemistry.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).</p>	<p><b>Core Organic Chemistry -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic concepts of organic chemistry</li> <li>Alkanes</li> <li>Alkenes</li> <li>Alcohols</li> <li>Haloalkanes</li> <li>Organic Synthesis</li> <li>Spectroscopy</li> </ul>	<p>Representing chemical structures.</p> <p>Using analytical skills to identify compounds.</p>	<p>Manufacturing processes in the chemical industry. Consideration of best conditions for an industrial process.</p> <p>Green chemistry</p> <p>Consideration of medicines from nature.</p> <p>Stages in synthesis of a medicine.</p> <p>Uses of polymers.</p>
		<b>REVISION</b>		

## OCR A-level Chemistry

### Year 13

Term	Assessments	Topics	Skills	Personal Development
Autumn	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Chemistry.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).</p>	<p><b>Organic chemistry and analysis -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aromatic chemistry</li> <li>Carbonyls and carboxylic acids</li> <li>Amines, amino acids and polymers</li> <li>Organic synthesis</li> <li>Chromatography and spectroscopy</li> </ul>	<p>Preparation and purification of organic compounds (solids &amp; liquids)</p> <p>Qualitative analysis of organic compounds.</p> <p>Interpreting IR spectra mass spectra and NMR spectra.</p>	<p>Manufacturing processes in the chemical industry. Consideration of best conditions for an industrial process.</p> <p>Green chemistry</p> <p>Consideration of medicines from nature.</p> <p>Stages in synthesis of a medicine.</p>
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Spring	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Chemistry.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment</p>	<p><b>Physical chemistry and transition elements -</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rates of reactions</li> <li>Equilibrium</li> <li>Acids, bases and pH</li> <li>Buffers and neutralisation</li> <li>Enthalpy and entropy</li> <li>Redox and electrode potentials</li> <li>Transition elements</li> </ul>	<p>Measuring rate of reaction and determining order of reaction.</p> <p>Graph plotting.</p> <p>Redox titrations</p> <p>Measurements of electrochemical cell potentials and pH</p>	<p>Transition metal catalysts.</p>

			Determinatio n of quantities present in a mixture at equilibrium.	
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<b>Summer</b>		Revision	Independent learning.	Creating and following revision plans.

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Autumn	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Physics.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).</p>	<p><b>Maths Skills</b></p>	<p>Using and manipulating equations, estimating, working with large and small numbers</p>	<p>Maths as the basis for physics</p>
		<p><b>Practical Skills</b></p>	<p>How to write and carry out A-level practicals</p>	<p>The relevance of the scientific method to careers in STEM and outside of STEM.</p>
		<p><b>1. Particles and Radiation</b></p> <p>Atomic Structure, Stable and Unstable Nuclei, Antiparticles and Photons, Hadrons and Leptons, Strange Particles and Conservation of Properties, Quarks and Antiquarks, Particle Interactions</p>	<p>Analysing models</p>	<p>Particle Physics and discussions / research of CERN being a truly international collaboration of scientists and how common terminology allows them to work together.</p>
		<p><b>2. Electromagnetic Radiation and Quantum Phenomena</b></p> <p>The Photoelectric Effect, Energy Levels in Atoms, Wave-Particle Duality</p>	<p>Using and manipulating formulae</p> <p>Evaluating evidence</p>	<p>New and developing ideas about the quantum world and how they are accepted etc. This is an area of physics that is still new and students could potentially go on to study this field and make new discoveries.</p>
		<p><b>6. Electricity</b></p> <p>Circuit Diagrams, Current and Potential Difference, Resistance, I-V Characteristics, Resistivity, Determining the Resistivity of a Wire, Power and Electrical Energy, E.m.f. and Internal Resistance, Conservation of Energy and the Charge in Circuits, The Potential Divider</p>	<p>Using and manipulating formulae</p> <p>Practical skills: setting up circuits from diagrams</p>	<p>Relevance of circuits to daily life and as components in devices to protect them from harm.</p>
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		<p><b>4. Mechanics</b></p> <p>Scalars and Vectors, Forces in Equilibrium, Moments, Centre of Mass</p>	<p>Using and manipulating formulae</p>	

	Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).	and Moments, Uniform Acceleration, Displacement-Time Graphs, Velocity-Time Graphs, Acceleration-Time Graphs, Newton's Laws of Motion, Acceleration Due To Gravity, Projectile Motion, Drag, Lift and Terminal Speed, Conservation of Momentum, Force, Momentum and Impulse, Work and Power, Conservation of Energy	Practical Skills: Determining gravitational field strength	
		<b>5. Materials</b>  Density, Hooke's Law, Stress and Strain, The Young Modulus, Stress-Strain and Force-Extension Graphs, Brittle Materials	Practical skills and safety.	
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<b>Summer</b>	<b>One test at the end of each topic</b>  <b>Mock Examinations based on past AS and A-Level Papers</b>  Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Physics.  This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment Criteria (CPAC).	<b>7. Further Mechanics</b>  Circular Motion, Centripetal Force and Acceleration, Simple Harmonic Motion, Calculations with SHM, The Mass-Spring System as a Simple Harmonic Oscillator, The Simple Pendulum and Other Types of SHM, Free and Forced Vibrations	Using and manipulating formulae  Practical Skills: Testing equations for SHM	
		<b>12. Nuclear Physics</b>  Rutherford Scattering, Measuring Nuclear Radius and Density, Properties of Nuclear Radiation, Background Radiation and Intensity, Exponential Law of Decay, Half-life and its Applications, Nuclear Decay, Mass Defect and Binding Energy, Nuclear Fission and Fusion	Practical skills, writing risk assessments  Using and rearranging formulae	Opportunities for discussion of the effects of radiation e.g. from Chernobyl or the atomic bomb and their effects on societies.

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		<p><b>7. Further Mechanics (continued)</b></p> <p>Circular Motion, Centripetal Force and Acceleration, Simple Harmonic Motion, Calculations with SHM, The Mass-Spring System as a Simple Harmonic Oscillator, The Simple Pendulum and Other Types of SHM, Free and Forced Vibrations</p>	<p>Using and manipulating formulae</p> <p>Practical Skills: Testing equations for SHM</p>	
		<p><b>8. Thermal Physics</b></p> <p>Thermal Energy Transfer, The Three Gas Laws, The Ideal Gas Equation, Kinetic Theory and the Pressure of an Ideal Gas, Kinetic Energy of Gas Molecules, Development of Theories</p>	<p>Using and manipulating formulae</p> <p>Deriving formulae</p> <p>Practical Skills: determining specific heat capacity</p>	
		<p><b>9. Gravitational Fields</b></p> <p>Gravitational Fields, Gravitational Field Strength, Gravitational Potential, Orbits</p>		
Term	Assessments	Topics	Skills	Personal Development
Spring	<p><b>One test at the end of each topic</b></p> <p>Teacher assessed (non-examined) Practical Endorsement in Physics.</p> <p>This is assessed throughout the course and monitors whether students routinely meet the Common Practical Assessment</p>	<p><b>11. Magnetic Fields</b></p> <p>Magnetic Flux Density, Investigating Force on a Current-Carrying Wire, Forces on Charged Particles, Electromagnetic Induction, Investigating Flux Linkage, Faraday's Law and Lenz's Law, Alternating Current, Transformers</p>		
		<p><b>9. Electrical Fields</b></p> <p>Electric Fields, Electric Potential, Comparing Electric and Gravitational Fields</p>		
		<p><b>10. Capacitors</b></p> <p>Capacitors, Energy Stored by Capacitors, Dielectrics. Charging and Discharging, Time Constant and Time to Halve</p>		
		<p><b>13 A. Astrophysics</b></p> <p>Lenses, Optical Telescopes, Comparing Telescopes, Non-Optical Telescopes, Parallax and Parsecs, Magnitude, Stars as Black Bodies, Stellar Spectral Classes, The Hertzsprung-Russell Diagram, Evolution of Sun-like Stars, Supernovae, Neutron Stars and Black Holes, Doppler Effect and Red Shift, The Big Bang Theory, Detection of Binary Stars, Quasars and Exoplanets.</p>		<p>Looking at how exoplanets are discovered and the implications for us. Commonality between all life on Earth – we are all made from stardust! (the elements produced when a star dies). Opportunities for discussion of responsible space travel, including the environmental and economic consequences of launching.</p>

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<b>Summer</b>		<b>Revision</b>		