

Long Term Plan: Chemistry Year 10

“Science is simply the word we use to describe a method of organising our curiosity.”

The programme for Y10 and 11 differs in comparison to KS3. There are 4 sets in each population. X/Y1, 2, 3 and 4 classes will be taught combined science content and will see a subject specialist teacher three times a fortnight. Set 5 is the triple science group who will see their teachers on a 5,5,4 split.

There are 2 data collection points for Y10

Staff use the [Curriculum Road Map](#) to ensure they teach the correct topic with enough time to cover the depth and breadth of our curriculum.

| Topic | Unit title | Key knowledge/ Content to learn and retain | Essential skills to acquire (subject & generic) | Anticipated misconceptions | Links to previous KS | Links to future KS | Opportunity for stretch for high prior attainers |
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| One | Bonding | <p>1. Types of Bonding</p> <p>Ionic Bonding:</p> <p>Occurs between metals and non-metals.</p> <p>Electron Transfer: Metals lose electrons to form positive ions (cations), and non-metals gain electrons to form negative ions (anions).</p> <p>Electrostatic Attraction: The oppositely charged</p> | <p>Diagram Drawing and Interpretation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ionic Bonding Diagrams Covalent Bonding Diagrams Bonding Models: <p>Comparing Structures and Properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contrast Giant vs Simple Structures: | <p>All ionic compounds conduct electricity in solid form</p> <p>Reality: Ionic compounds do not conduct electricity in solid form because the ions are fixed in place within the lattice structure and cannot move. They only conduct electricity when they are molten or dissolved in water,</p> | <p>KS3: At KS3, students are introduced to the basic structure of atoms, including the understanding that atoms are made up of protons, neutrons, and electrons, and the concept of electronic structure (i.e., how electrons</p> | <p>GCSE Chemistry is part of KS4, which covers key concepts in chemical reactions, atomic structure, and bonding. The bonding unit is central to understanding many of the topics that follow, including chemical</p> | |

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| | | <p>ions attract each other, forming a strong bond.</p> <p>Properties: High melting/boiling points, conductive in molten or dissolved form, soluble in water, and brittle.</p> <p>Covalent Bonding:</p> <p>Occurs between non-metals.</p> <p>Electron Sharing: Atoms share electrons to achieve a full outer shell.</p> <p>Properties: Low melting/boiling points, non-conductive, and can be gases, liquids, or solids.</p> <p>Metallic Bonding:</p> <p>Occurs between metal atoms.</p> <p>Electron Sea Model: Electrons are delocalized, forming a "sea" of electrons that move freely.</p> <p>Properties: Conductive (both for heat and electricity), malleable (can be hammered into shapes), ductile (can be drawn into</p> | <p>Explaining and Predicting Physical Properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link properties to bonding • Practice Explaining: For example: <p>Why do ionic compounds have high melting points?</p> <p>Why is graphite a good conductor of electricity?</p> <p>Recognizing Exceptions</p> <p>Use of Keywords in Explanations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use accurate terminology in your explanations, especially when describing: <p>Ions (cation/anion).</p> <p>Bond types (ionic/covalent/metallic).</p> <p>Intermolecular Forces (e.g., van der Waals forces, hydrogen bonds).</p> <p>Electrostatic Attraction: For ionic bonding, this term is crucial when explaining the forces between oppositely charged ions.</p> | <p>where the ions are free to move.</p> <p>Correction: Emphasize that ionic compounds conduct electricity when molten or in solution due to the presence of free-moving ions. In solid form, the ions are locked into the lattice and cannot move, which is why ionic solids are not conductive.</p> <p>Misconception: Molecules with similar structures always have similar properties</p> <p>Reality: While molecular structure is important in determining properties, there can be differences in properties even among molecules with similar structures. For example, polar covalent molecules (like H₂O) have different properties from non-polar covalent molecules (like O₂), even though both may be gases at room temperature.</p> <p>Correction: Teach students to recognize the intermolecular forces (e.g., hydrogen bonds, van der Waals forces)</p> | <p>are arranged in shells). GCSE: At GCSE, this understanding is extended. Students need to know how electrons are arranged in energy levels, how the periodic table relates to atomic structure, and how the electronic configuration influences an atom's ability to bond.</p> | <p>reactions, properties of materials, and the reactivity of different substances.</p> | |
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| | | <p>wires), and have high melting/boiling points.</p> <p>2. Structure and Properties of Ionic Compounds</p> <p>Giant Ionic Lattice Structure:</p> <p>Ionic compounds form a regular, repeating pattern of ions.</p> <p>Strong Electrostatic Forces: Between positive and negative ions, requiring a lot of energy to break.</p> <p>Properties: Hard, brittle, and conduct electricity only when molten or in solution.</p> <p>3. Structure and Properties of Covalent Compounds</p> <p>Simple Molecular Structures:</p> <p>Small molecules (e.g., H₂O, CO₂).</p> <p>Weak Intermolecular Forces: These molecules have low melting and boiling points.</p> | <p>Performing Practical Investigations</p> <p>Practical Knowledge: Be able to design and understand practical investigations where the properties of different materials are tested, such as:</p> <p>Testing the electrical conductivity of substances (ionic in solution, metallic, etc.).</p> <p>Measuring melting/boiling points of substances and linking the results to the type of bonding and structure.</p> | <p>that influence properties like boiling/melting points. For example, hydrogen bonding in water leads to higher boiling and melting points than expected for a small molecule.</p> | | | |
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| | <p>Non-conductive: They don't conduct electricity because they have no free electrons or ions.</p> <p>Giant Covalent Structures:</p> <p>Large molecules (e.g., diamond, graphite).</p> <p>Strong Covalent Bonds: High melting/boiling points due to the strong bonds between atoms.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <p>Diamond: Each carbon atom bonds to four others in a 3D structure; very hard and a good thermal conductor but doesn't conduct electricity.</p> <p>Graphite: Carbon atoms form layers that can slide past each other; conducts electricity and is used as a lubricant.</p> <p>4. Properties of Metallic Bonding</p> <p>Malleability and Ductility: Metal atoms can slide past each other without breaking the bond due to the delocalized electrons.</p> | | | | | |
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| | | <p>Electrical Conductivity: Delocalized electrons are free to move, so metals can conduct electricity.</p> <p>High Melting and Boiling Points: Strong metallic bonds require a lot of energy to break.</p> <p>5. Bonding and Electrical Conductivity</p> <p>Ionic compounds do not conduct electricity in solid form, but they do when molten or dissolved because the ions are free to move.</p> <p>Covalent compounds generally do not conduct electricity, except for a few exceptions like graphite (which has free electrons).</p> <p>Metallic compounds conduct electricity in all states (solid, liquid) because of the freely moving delocalized electrons.</p> <p>6. Polarity in Molecules</p> <p>Polar Molecules: Have uneven distribution of electrons (e.g., H₂O). The molecule has a partial positive and partial</p> | | | | | |
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| | | <p>negative charge due to the difference in electronegativity between atoms.</p> <p>Non-Polar Molecules: Have a symmetrical electron distribution, such as in O₂ or CO₂ .</p> <p>7. Simple vs Giant Structures</p> <p>Simple Structures: Like covalent molecules, typically have low melting and boiling points (e.g., H₂ O, CO₂).</p> <p>Giant Structures: Include giant ionic lattices (e.g., sodium chloride) or giant covalent networks (e.g., diamond, graphite), with high melting and boiling points due to strong bonds between atoms.</p> | | | | | |
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| Two | Quantitative Chemistry | <p>Mass, Mr and Moles</p> <p>Concentration of Solution</p> <p>(HT Only) Calculating reaction masses</p> <p>Balancing Equations using moles</p> <p>% Yield and Atom Economy</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing the subject of an equation • Calculating percentage • Using ratios • Interpreting data presented in both graphical and tabular form. • Using laboratory equipment and glassware • Recording accurate data • Calculating a mean • Identifying anomalous and concordant results. • Converting units | <p>The difference between g/dm and mol/dm</p> <p>Students often struggle to identify when they need to use molar coefficients in a calculation and when they don't</p> <p>Calculating the Mr of diatomic molecules, particularly in reaction mass calculations</p> | <p>At KS3 students have studied the mechanics of chemical reactions and have also been introduced to the idea of conservation of mass and balanced equations.</p> <p>Students have also studied neutralisation reactions which builds directly into titration</p> | <p>Quantitative chemistry forms the basis of much of the work done during physical chemistry during A-Level.</p> | <p>Higher prior attainments can be challenged to work through multi-step problems involving different equations</p> |
| SMSC & British Values | <p>British values in science</p> <p>Mathematical problems can be put into real world contexts to explore a variety of concepts and scenarios</p> | | | | | | |
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| Three | Chemical changes | Reactivity of metals reactions with acids Electrolysis | Experimenting with chemical reactions in a systematic way and organising their results logically Mixing of reagents to explore chemical changes and/or products. investigate pH changes when a strong acid neutralises a strong alkali. Measure the pH of different acids at different concentrations. (HT only) Make order of magnitude calculations. (HT only) | Physical vs chemical changes. Acids can burn and eat material away Neutralisation means an acid breaking down A base/alkali inhibits the burning properties of an acid | At KS3 students have studied the mechanics of chemical reactions Students have also studied neutralisation reactions which builds directly into titration | Chemical changes links to the 3.1.12 Acids and bases (A-level only) topic in KS5. | Explaining how concentration and strength are linked. |
| SMSC & British Values | British values in science Students following laboratory rules for the safety of all Discussions on how certain developments have affected moments in life. | | | | | | |
| Cultural Capital | Neutralisation reactions and how they are useful in everyday life. Uses of indicators. Chemical reactions in everyday life. | | | | | | |
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| Four | Rates of reaction | | | | | | |
| SMSC & British | British values in science Inherited disorders and issues around family planning | | | | | | |

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| Five - TRIPLE ONLY | Atmospheric Chemistry | <p>The composition of the modern atmosphere and how this has changed from the formation of the Earth</p> <p>Human impact on the atmosphere, including greenhouse gases, climate change and global warming.</p> <p>The impact of major atmospheric pollutants on human health and the environment</p> | <p>Use of timelines</p> <p>Extended Writing</p> <p>Reading for comprehension</p> <p>Evaluating the accuracy of data</p> <p>Using data to make predictions about the outcome of experiments</p> <p>Interpreting data presented in tabular or graphical form</p> | <p>Many students believe that oxygen is the most plentiful gas in the atmosphere, rather than Nitrogen.</p> <p>Many students overestimate the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere</p> <p>Many students confuse global warming with climate change</p> | <p>In KS3 students studied the atmosphere and discussed the impact of human activity on the climate. This unit builds on this by introducing a more analytical and quantitative approach to exploring human impact on the atmosphere and environment</p> | <p>At A-Level, students will study the impact of CFCs and the mechanism by which they have contributed to loss of ozone.</p> | <p>Students may be asked to compare interventions based on compromise between their environmental and economic impacts.</p> |
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| & British Values | The effects of climate change, how every day actions contribute to climate change and what interventions can be put in place to prevent climate catastrophe |
| Cultural Capital | The effects of climate change, how every day actions contribute to climate change and what interventions can be put in place to prevent climate catastrophe |
| Career Link | <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjb8f4j/jobs-that-use-science/1, https://www.bradfordacademy.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/CEIAG-in-the-Curriculum-Science.pdf, https://www.pearson.com/uk/educators/schools/subject-area/science/why-science-matters/your-future-in-stem-a-z.html More information here.</p> <p>Climate scientist Environmental campaigner Meteorologist</p> |



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| Sic - TRIPLE ONLY | Chemical Analysis | <p>Pure and impure substances</p> <p>Chromatography</p> <p>Gas Testing</p> <p>(Triple Only) Flame testing, ion testing and spectroscopy</p> | <p>Following written methods and flow charts</p> <p>Interpreting chromatograms and other experimental results</p> <p>Writing scientific methods</p> <p>Measuring and recording accurate results</p> <p>Safe use of laboratory equipment and glassware.</p> <p>Presenting and</p> | <p>Students often confuse the results of the various ion tests.</p> <p>Students often describe spectroscopy as being more “accurate” or “Reliable” as opposed to more “Sensitive” or “Precise”</p> | <p>Students have studied the idea of pure and impure substances, mixtures vs compounds and separation techniques at KS3. This unit extends this by introducing deeper analysis - not just separating mixtures but identifying their components.</p> | <p>Organic Analysis is studied in further depth at A-Level, where students will look at more complex spectroscopic methods, such as IR and MS spectroscopy.</p> | <p>Students could be presented with complex mixtures or a number of different solutions and challenged to produce viable methods of identification.</p> |
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| | | | interpreting data in both tabular and graphical form. | | | | |
| SMSC & British Values | British values in science Safe working in the lab, and respect for others workspaces. | | | | | | |
| Cultural Capital | The use of spectroscopic methods in real life applications, such as quality assurance and forensic investigation | | | | | | |
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| Six | Revision and preparation for GCSE exams |
| | Revisit to subject knowledge from across the course & use of PLC to ensure that students have a good grasp of all aspects of the specification |
| | Use of retrieval quizzes and activities to identify gaps in SK and misconceptions |
| | Support students in developing summary notes, flash cards etc to aid retrieval of key facts |
| | Ensure that students have the necessary skills for effective revision |
| | Focus on past exam questions and papers – command words and application of knowledge |
| | Practice the application of knowledge that draws upon the practical aspects of the course |
| | Timed completion of questions to support with pace through the exam paper |
| | SLOP style activities to ensure that all are prepared for the aspects of maths that will be present on the exam papers |