



## "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 5 sets in each population. X/Y 2, 3, 4 and 5 classes will be taught combined science content and will either see a subject specialist teacher three times a fortnight, or have a solo teacher 9 times a fortnight.

There are 2 data collection points for Y11

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
One	Ecology	Biotic and Abiotic factors  Competition between organisms  Food chains, webs and trophic levels  Sampling techniques  Human impact on biodiversity	Practical sampling techniques Recording accurate data Representing and interpreting data in tabular and graphical form Extended Writing Reading for comprehension	Students often think of humans as organisms beyond or outside of food webs and the larger ecosystem, so it is important that they understand the role humans play  The difference between Quadrat and Transect sampling	This unit builds from the study of interdependence in KS3. Students should already have a basic understanding of food chains and how energy flows and is lost along them  In KS3 students also study the importance of plants to human food	Ecology forms an entire unit of study at Biology A-Level, where students will study all of the concepts looked at here in greater depth.	Consider why and how energy is lost along a food chain  Evaluate sampling techniques and suggest why a given technique may be used  Suggest ways to improve food security
					security.  This unit also follows		

					directly on from HTI, in which students looked at evolution and how organisms compete for survival				
SMSC & British Values	British values in science  Humans as a wider part of the ecosystem and our place and role in protecting the environment; including the consequences if we fail to do so.								
Cultural Capital	Study of different ecosystems, climates and habitats both in the UK And worldwide								
Career Link	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.  Conservationist Farmer Food Scientist Careers with the environment agency or DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs)								
Two	Inheritance variation and evolution	The structure of DNA  Genes and alleles; including the concepts of recessive alleles, dominant alleles, homozygous and heterozygous  Sexual vs asexual reproduction  Inheritance and punnet squares  Inheritance of sex and genetic disorders	Calculation of simple probability  Writing and interpreting tree charts  Extended writing  Calculation of simple probability  Writing and interpreting tree charts	Alleles as different genes rather than different versions of a gene  Confusion between genotype and phenotype	This unit builds on the study of heredity and evolution that is completed in year 8	Study of genetics forms the basis of an entire unit of study in both A- Level biology and Applied human Biology	Sex linked traits  Advantages and disadvantages of sexual be asexual reproduction and why organisms capable of both would choose a strategy		

		Evolution by natural selection  Evidence for evolution, including fossils and genetic evidence  Classification  How human understanding of genetics has changed over time,	Extended writing					
		Cloning and genetic engineering						
SMSC & British Values	British values in science Inherited disorders and issues around family planning							
Cultural Capital	Charles Darwin and the voyage of the beagle Historical debate around evolution							
Career Link	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.  Medical research Family planning adviser Genealogist							
Three	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