Long Term Plan: Year 9 2024-2025



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

The programme for KS3 (years 7-9) sees a single* teacher following the curriculum roadmap for each class. All teachers teach the same unit to aid sequencing and consistency with teaching and learning.

*There are few classes which are split between staff - but again, the same unit is delivered by both staff.

There are two data collection points for all KS3 students, which will then be analysed with a subsequent KS3 Standardisation Meeting.

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
1	Cells	Prokaryotic compared to eukaryotic cells Microscopy Cell specialisation and differentiation Diffusion – the process of diffusion, examples of where it happens Factors affecting the rate of diffusion Exchange surfaces – how our bodies are adapted for efficient diffusion	Practical Skills: Using light microscopes correctly Investigate the effect of temperature on the rate of diffusion Investigate the effect of concentration on the rate of diffusion Investigate the effect of surface on the rate of diffusion Investigate the effect of diffusion Investigate the effect of concentration on the rate of osmosis Scientific Skills:	That all animal cells look like the model animal cell often used to teach this topic, teaching must be careful that students understand that most animal cells are specialised That people grow as their cells get bigger as opposed to replication of cells Diffusion and osmosis are the same thing. Active transport only occurs when	KS3 students to study the basic structure from animal plant and bacterial cells, including the function of most organelles, cell specialisation. Students carried out some basic work with microscopy S3 students looked at diffusion and factors which affect the rate of.	The cell as the fundamental unit of life is studied in both GCSE Biology, Applied human biology and Alevel biology This content leads to: 4.4 - Energy in living organisms 4.2: Organisation 4.3 - Infection & response	Students to compare stem cells extracted from bone marrow and from embryos, looking at which kind of cells these can differentiate into and considering why Cross subject links to Chemistry High Prior attainers can attempt to draw the osmosis

SMSC & British		Osmosis – the process of osmosis, examples of where it happens Active transport - the process of active transport, examples of where it happens surrounding the use of stees in science	 Drawing and labelling scientific diagrams Changing the subject of, and substituting into, simple equations with three terms Record data in tables Present data in graphs 	something has to move upwards	tain diseases such	4.7 – Ecology 4.6 – Inheritance, variation and evolution 4.5 - Reflex arc and neurotransmitt er movement as dementia	graph without scaffolding		
Values	2517 74100								
Cultural Capital	Students explore the ethical issues surrounding use stem cells, including why different people may hold different views on their use								
Career Link	As cells are fundamental to biology this unit opens doors to careers in any biological medical or ecological field https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/tags/zjb8f4i/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 .								
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Two	Separatin g Mixtures	Melting and boiling points of a substance depend on the nature of its particles and the forces between particles, How to predict the states of substance at different temperatures given appropriate data,	Practical Skills: Describe a practical procedure for a specified purpose. Carry out practical procedures safely. Recording observations Use of appropriate apparatus to make and record a range of	Some students will have an 'everyday' understanding of 'pure' water as opposed to chemically pure water All liquids have the same boiling point The ink is sucked up the paper.	This is a golden thread that runs through all disciplines in science. Yr7 particles, Yr8 separation techniques, Yr 7 cells (diffusion), Yr8 motion and				

The limitations of the particle model Define a pure substance Explain how melting and boiling point data can be used to identify pure substances Define formulation Explain how formulations are made and give examples Identify formulations given appropriate information. Describe, explain and give examples of the specified process of separation, Suggest suitable separation and purification techniques for mixtures when given appropriate information Investigate how paper chromatography can be used to separate coloured substances, Explain how paper chromatography separates mixtures Interpret chromatograms and determine Rf		Water is the only solvent/things only dissolve in water. The ink is sucked up the paper. Water is the only solvent/things only dissolve in water. The ink is sucked up the paper.	pressure are just a few examples		
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		Describe the tests and positive result for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and chlorine					
SMSC & British Values Cultural Capital	The contrib		to scientific understanding.	I to the development of	understanding of th	e atom.	
Career Link	the-Curricu z.html		zjb8f4j/jobs-that-use-science/1, <u>t</u> vww.pearson.com/uk/educators/				
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Three	Energy Stores	Define energy and systems, Explain the law of the conservation of energy,	Practical Skills: • Investigate the transfer of energy from a gravitational potential energy store to a kinetic	Energy like food or a fuel, gets used up. students see energy as an 'intangible fluid' that flows from one place or object to	Year 7 power and energy Year 7 Energy in the home	Y9 - Power and energy Y9 - Energy in living	Students could be asked to consider more complex energy transfers

• Students should be able | are moved or

to convert between

newton-metres and

joules, Use a variety of models such as

representational, spatial,

transferred to a

different store.

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Y10 - 6.2

Electricity

Y11 - 6.6

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Describe what is meant by

Calculate work done

SMSC & British Values	British values in science The impact of non-sustainable resources and the	State the factors that affect GPE Recall and apply the GPE equation State the factors that affect Kinetic Energy Recall and apply the Kinetic energy equation State the factors that affect Kinetic Energy Recall and apply the Kinetic energy equation Describe elastic energy State the equation and calculate elastic energy stored Describe with examples how net energy in a system doesn't change Describe how dissipation can result in energy being stored in less useful ways.	•	descriptive, computational and mathematical to solve problems,. Recall and apply an equation. Apply to unfamiliar contexts Apply the equation for elastic potential energy Students should be able to give examples that illustrate the definition of power eg comparing two electric motors that both lift the same weight through the same height but one does it faster than the other.	tudents confuse ideas of energy with ideas of force, work or power All metals conduct heat equally as well Power is the same as force or work.		

Cultural Capital	The ubiquity of energy means that problems can be framed in a variety of familiar and unfamiliar contexts	Recall, rearrange and apply the power equation					
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Four	Cell Division	Describe DNA structure and function Explain what a genome is Explain the benefits of studying the genome. State what is meant by cell division Explain why cells need to divide Describe the cell cycle Describe differentiation	Practical Skills: • Use models and analogies to understand the structure of DNA. • Use models and analogies to develop explanations of how cells divide. • Appreciate the power and limitations of science and consider	DNA is alive; DNA is only found in blood, or only in specific cell types (e.g. in the reproductive system); some non-living things (e.g. cars) have DNA, and some living organisms (e.g. plants and bacteria) do not; genes and DNA are different entities, and specifically that genes are responsible for family resemblance while DNA makes you unique and identifiable	Revisiting concepts from cells in year 7 and adaptation and inheritance from Year 8. Pupils will be familiar with the role of the nucleus, DNA and chromosomes Pupils will know that chromosomes are found in the nucleus. They may know that	Y9 - Energy in living organisms Y10 - Infection and Response Y10 - Reflex arc and neurotransmitt er movement	Cross subject links to Chemistry

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				not appreciate that cell enlargement must occur and the genome must be copied if the cells resulting from division are to be copies of the original cell. Some students did not believe that cell division (mitotic) occurred in plants because plants were not like animals.						
SMSC & British	British values in science									
Values	Students m	ay discuss medical issue	s with certain diseases and how	that impacts the efficien	ncy of transport sys	stems				
	Students ex	Students explore issues with the digestive or respiratory system and how these affect the efficiency of transport systems in animals.								
Cultural Capital										
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Five	Atomic Structure	Recap what the words atom, element, compound and mixture mean, Use the names and symbols of the first 20	Practical Skills: Investigating group 1 metals Potential to use models to explore the atom Scientific Skills:	(Briggs and Holding, 1986) which showed that many students do not adequately understand particle diagrams including the significance of the circles touching (atoms	Year 7 Atoms, elements and compounds chemical formulae, Year 8 chemical reactions	Y9 - The periodic table Y9 - Atoms and radiation Y9 - Energy changes	Considering why the results of the Gold Foil Experiment lead to the development of the nuclear			

elements in the periodic table, Interpret chemical formulae Describe how the mass of products compares to the mass of reactants in a chemical reaction Represent reactions as equations. State the state symbols Describe the structure of an atom, Calculate the numbers of protons, neutrons and electrons in an atom, given its atomic number and mass number. State what an isotope of an element is, Calculate relative atomic mass State the number of electrons in an atom and how they are arranged, Represent electronic structures using diagrams and numbers, Explore the electronic structure of the first 20 elements Describe early ideas of the atom	 Using data to make predictions. The use of timelines Extended writing Reading for comprehension 	joined) or not touching (atoms not joined). Particles misrepresented and undifferentiated in concepts involving elements, compounds, mixtures, solutions, and substances. Absence of conservation of particles during a chemical change. Failure to perceive that individual substances and properties correspond to a certain type of particle formation of a new substance with new properties is seen as simply happening, rather than as a result of particle rearrangement. That science does not change - ideas and hypothesis may change due to new evidence	A simple (Dalton) atomic model from Yr 7	Y10 - 5.3 Quantitative Chemistry Y10 - 5.4 Chemical changes Y10 - Rates of reaction Y11 - Chemical analysis	model of the atom.
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		Explain why the new evidence from the scattering experiment led to a change in the atomic model, Explain the difference between the plum pudding model and the nuclear model of the atom							
SMSC & British Values	British values in science The contribution of Scientists to scientific understanding.								
Cultural Capital	The historical importance of the various figures that have contributed to the development of the periodic table								
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Six	Energy	The higher the thermal conductivity of a material the higher the rate of energy transfer by conduction across the material. Students do not need to know the definition of thermal conductivity.	Practical Skills: • Demo/ modelling gravitational, kinetic and elastic potential energy Scientific Skills:	Students often frame renewable and non-renewable in terms of "able to be used again" rather than in terms of the finite or infinite pool of resources.	This unit builds directly from year seven study of energy stores and pathways.	Y9 - Energy in living organisms Y9 - Atoms and radiation Y10 - 6.2 Electricity	Students could be asked to use data on efficiency and cost to evaluate appliances		

Students should be able to explain ways of reducing unwanted energy transfers, for example through lubrication and the use of thermal insulation. Students should be able to describe how the rate of cooling of a building is affected by the thickness and thermal conductivity of its walls. The main energy resources available for use on Earth include: fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas), nuclear fuel, biofuel, wind, hydroelectricity, geothermal, the tides, the Sun and water waves. A renewable energy resource is one that is being (or can be) replenished as it is used. The uses of energy resources include: transport, electricity generation and heating. distinguish between energy resources that are renewable and energy resources that are renewable	squares and square roots Record accurate results in an appropriate format Present and interpret data in tabular and graphical form.	Y11 - 6.6 Waves
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SMSC & British Values		Cost of living crisis - students to relate information of appliances to understanding how these link to cost									
Cultural Capital	Cost of livin	g crisis - students to relat	te information of appliances to u	nderstanding how these	e link to cost						
Career Link	the-Curricul z.html	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.									
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Seven	Organisati on & Digestion	Describe the levels of organisation in the body, understand the size and scale of these levels Describe the pathway through the digestive system Explain how the small intestine is adapted for its function State the key nutrients we need and describe how to test for them Describe what each nutrient is made up from and how to test for it.	Practical Skills: Modelling the digestive system carry out experiments appropriately having due regard for the correct manipulation of apparatus, and health and safety considerations. Use scientific theories and explanations and hypothesis on how pH affects amylase activity. Make and record observations and measurements of time.	Organs can only belong to one organ system. Some pupils may be confused between the respiratory system and respiration - thinking that respiration is breathing Eating is the same as digestion https://educationendow mentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/EEF_BEST_infographicDigestion.pdf Pupils struggle to make the connection between liver,	In Year 7 pupils are first introduced to the levels of organisation. This is an opportunity to revisit and consolidate The organs and the function of the digestive system are studied in Year 8. Diffusion and surface area are revisited.	4.3 Health & Disease 4.5 Homeostasis					

SWSC	Use qualitative reagents to test for a range of carbohydrates lipids and proteins Use the lock and key theory to explain enzyme action Identify the enzyme needed and products of digestion of each nutrient Investigate the effect of pH on enzyme action (RP) Explain The effect of pH on enzyme action Explain The effect of Temperature on enzyme action Explain the roles of hydrochloric acid and bile in making digestion more efficient Recall how the small intestine is adapted to exchange materials	Scientific Skills: Students should be able to use other models to explain enzyme action. present a graph of amylase activity against pH translate numeric data into graphical form	gallbladder and the rest of the digestive system	Some of the food tests are undertaken in Year 8 Pupils have been introduced to digestive enzymes and their role in year 8	
SMSC & British Values	British values in science				
Cultural Capital	Use of wash powder and baby food	within the industry			

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.								
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Eight	Periodic table	Describe how the periodic table was developed over time, Explain why Mendeleev's periodic table was accepted Describe how atomic structure is linked to the periodic table, Predict possible reactions and probable reactivity of elements from their positions in the periodic table Describe the physical and chemical properties of group 1 metals, Explain the properties of group 1 elements, Predict the properties of group 1 elements	Practical Skills: Demo – Group 1 metals in water Scientific Skills: Know observations/ scientific knowledge of methods that scientists use to answer questions. Classification of elements due to experimentation. Carrying out predictions Interpret data to describe patterns and properties	Students often mix up the names and data of the scientists responsible for each discovery of the periodic table Elements were 'invented'; they all have symbols with the same letters as their English names; elements and atoms are different substances; atoms are like cells and of a similar size	Year 7 the periodic table, atoms and electron configuration from Year 9 Year 7 the periodic table, builds on and adds to explanations from Year 8 group 1 metals, atoms and electron configuration from Year 9 Year 7 the periodic table, builds on and adds to explanations from Year 8 group 1 metals, atoms and electron Year 8 group 1 metals, atoms and electron	Y9 - The periodic table Y9 - Atoms and radiation Y9 - Energy changes Y10 - 5.3 Quantitative Chemistry Y10 - 5.4 Chemical changes Y10 - Rates of reaction Y11 - Chemical analysis	Considering the results of each investigation and how it lead to the development of the periodic table		

		Describe the properties and trends of group 7 elements, Explain the properties and trends of elements in group 7, Describe displacement reactions Describe the trends in group 0, Explain the properties of the group 0 elements			configuration from Year 9 Year 7 the periodic table, builds on and adds to explanations from Year 8 group 1 metals, atoms and electron configuration from Year 9			
SMSC & British Values	ritish							
Cultural Capital		radioactivity and nuclear rent energy crisis	power globally; including the app	proach of the UK and ot	her nations			
Career Link								
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Nine	Transport in Animals	Describe the components of blood	Practical Skills: • Possible heart dissection	Pupils struggle with the idea of what blood is made up of. That	Year 7 structure and function of our body - gas			

SMSC	and explain their functions Recognise different types of blood cells in a photograph or diagram and explain how they are adapted to their function Explain how the structure of blood vessels relates to their function Describe double circulation Describe the structure of the heart Describe coronary heart disease and its treatment Evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of treating cardiovascular diseases by drugs, mechanical devices or transplant Identify the structures of the respiratory system Explain how the lungs are adapted for gaseous exchange	Scientific Skills: Observing and drawing blood cells seen under a microscope. Evaluate risks related to use of blood products. Use models to explain the adaptations of blood vessels Evaluate methods of treatment bearing in mind the benefits and risks associated with the treatment. Use models to explain the adaptations of the alveoli	plasma is the liquid part of the blood. That we have blue blood. That blood clotting is always harmful - associated with blood clots that could cause deep vein thrombosis as an example The blood pressure in the capillaries is lower than that in the arteries and veins because the narrow capillaries offer great resistance to blood flow. https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Science/What_colour_is_deoxygenated_blood.pdf The heart is found on the left hand side of the chest, The heart pumps air around the body, Respiration takes place in the lungs	exchange. In Year 6 pupils covered the following objectives: identify and name the main parts of the human circulatory system, and describe the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. recognise the impact of diet, exercise, drugs and lifestyle on the way their bodies function. Pupils have also previously studied transport across membranes and factors affecting it.	
& British Values					

Cultural Capital							
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.						
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Ten	Earth's Atmosphe re	State the gases and proportions of each in the atmosphere, Explain how the Early atmosphere has changed Describe the greenhouse effect, Recall human activities that increase the amounts of each of the greenhouse gases, Evaluate the quality of evidence given information and recognise the importance of peer review of results	Practical Skills: Scientific Skills: Use of timelines Extended Writing Reading for comprehension Evaluating the accuracy of data Using data to make predictions about the outcome of experiments Interpreting data presented in tabular or graphical form	Many students believe that oxygen is the most plentiful gas in the atmosphere, rather than Nitrogen. Many students overestimate the concentration of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere Many students confuse global warming with climate change	Year 8 the earth and atmosphere Year 8 climate change	At A-Level, students will study the impact of CFCs and the mechanism by which they have contributed to loss of ozone.	Students may be asked to compare interventions based on compromise between their environmental and economic impacts.

		Describe the cause of climate change, Describe the implications of climate change, Describe actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and give reasons why actions may be limited Describe the production and effects of atmospheric pollutants							
SMSC & British	British values			L					
Values	Working safe	Working safely in a lab and respecting each other's workspace							
Cultural Capital	The ubiquity	of forces means that pro	blems can be framed in a varie	ty of familiar and unfam	iliar contexts				
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Eleven	Model and	Explain the term density in relation to particles,	 plan experiments or 	are the same thing.	Year 7 Particles in states of matter, energy	

Describe the factors that affect density, Recall and use the density equation Describe a method to determine the density of a regular shaped object, Describe a method to determine the density of an irregular shaped object, Suggest ways to improve the accuracy of the methods described Explain what is meant by internal energy, Explain how heating a system changes the energy stored in it., Explain the difference between heat and temperature Describe the factors that affect the temperature increase of a system,	 test hypotheses, apply a knowledge of a range of techniques, instruments, apparatus and materials to select those appropriate to the experiment. carry out experiments appropriately having due regard for the correct manipulation of apparatus, the accuracy of measurements and health and safety considerations. Focus on accuracy of using a measuring cylinder Scientific Skills: make and record observations and measurements using a range of apparatus and methods. evaluate methods and suggest possible improvements and further investigations. recognise/draw simple diagrams to model the difference between solids, liquids and gases. 	substance.	stores and transfers, changes of state Year 7 pressure in gases, Year 7 particle theory and energy stores and transfers	

		Define specific heat capacity,			
		Recall and use the equation for specific heat capacity			
		Explain why a change of state is a physical change not a chemical change,			
		Define latent heat,			
SMSC & British	British values in science	Investigate temperature changes during state changes in stearic acid.			
Values	lab and	Explain how temperature changes the pressure exerted by a gas			
Cultural Capital	The ubiquity of forces means that problems can be framed in a variety				
	of familiar and unfamiliar contexts				

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.						
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Twelve	Organisati on & Their environme nts	Use food chains to model feeding relationships Explain why all food chains begin with green plants or algae Use a food web diagram to predict and explain effects that a change in the size of a population could have on other populations Define key terms: population, community, ecosystem. Identify levels of organisation within an ecosystem. Describe ways in which species can depend on other species for survival.	Practical Skills: Recognise when to apply a knowledge of sampling techniques to ensure any samples collected are representative. Use a range of apparatus to measure abiotic factors e.g. data loggers Scientific Skills: Use of food chains and webs to model feeding relationships extract and interpret information from charts, graphs and tables relating to the effect of biotic factors on organisms within a community. Using models to show the relationship between predator/prey	Food chains and webs show what eats what rather than a transfer of biomass. The words and pictures in a food chain represent individual organisms, rather than populations of organisms. A change in the size of a population will only affect another population if they are related as predator-prey. BEST food chains and food webs https://assets.ctfassets.net/pc40tpn1u6ef/3em tXyC7Z2FgtPxKnxk3Ot /a165f6eab98c416a39 9221cdc6525f46/BEST_BOE_1_1_Preview_Food_chains_and_food_webs.pdf A 'community' can only be formed by people living together. Population and	Pupils have studied what an ecosystem is in Year 8 Pupils will be aware of the term adaptation and will have studied many cellular adaptations e.g. specialised cells. In Year 6 and 8 pupils will have covered how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environment in different ways and that adaptation may lead to evolution. In Year 8 pupils will have begun to look at competition e.g. for food as well as	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

	Carry out sampling to determine the abundance of an organism Describe methods that we can use to sample organisms for distribution. Carry out sampling to determine the distribution of an						
	organism using a transect						
SMSC & British Values	British values in science Humans as a wider part of the eco	system and our place and role in p	protecting the environme	ent; including the co	onsequences if we	e fail to do so.	
Cultural Capital	Study of different ecosystems, clin	nates and habitats both in the UK A	And worldwide				
Career Link							
	Conservationist Farmer Food Scientist Careers with the environment agency or DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs)						