



Subject: Chemistry

Lead Teacher: Mr R Wright

Year: 10

Curriculum organisation

Chemistry is taught in mixed groups of approximately 30 students for 2 hours per week

Overview of Topics & Key Information

How will your child be learning?

Term	Unit(s) of Work	Key Enquiry Questions	Key Content/ Terminology	Skills developed	How will your child be learning?
Autumn Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quantitative chemistry (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How do you calculate the number of moles of a substance given the mass of that substance? What is meant by the term limiting reactant? How is the concentration of a solution calculated? What is meant by % yield and atom economy? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Moles Amounts of substances in equations Using moles to balance equations Concentration of solutions % yield and atom economy Volumes of gases 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Make and record observations and measurements. Present observations and data appropriately Evaluate data to identify sources of error 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Whole class discussion Pair work Practical activities Problem-solving tasks Watching short video clips Research tasks
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chemical changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is meant by the reactivity series? How do acids react What is meant by electrolysis? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extraction of metals, oxidation and reduction Reaction of acids with metals, pH, neutralisation and salts Electrolysis and half-cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate techniques, apparatus and materials to carry out practical work safely. Make and record observations and measurements. 	
Spring Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy changes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Why are energy changes in chemical reactions important? What are chemical cells and fuel cells? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exothermic and endothermic reactions Reaction profiles Cells and batteries Fuel cells 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select plan and carry out investigations to test predictions 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rate and extent of chemical change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What factors affect the rate of chemical reactions? How do you use collision theory to explain how the various factors affect reaction rates? What are reversible reactions and what is meant by equilibrium? How can you predict the effect of changing conditions on the position of equilibrium? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rate of reaction Collision theory and activation energy Catalysts Reversible reactions and dynamic equilibrium The effect of changing conditions on equilibrium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use appropriate scientific vocabulary and theory correctly Describe patterns in data Make prediction using scientific knowledge and understanding 	
Summer Term	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organic chemistry (2) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> How are carbon compounds used as fuel and feedstock? What are the reactions of alkenes and alcohols? What are synthetic and naturally occurring polymers? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crude oil, hydrocarbons and alkanes Fractional distillation Cracking and alkenes Alcohols and carboxylic acids Polymers, amino acids and DNA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate reliability of methods and suggest possible improvements 	

Equipment needed for lessons	How will learning and progress be assessed?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Standard school stationery • Exercise book • Calculator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of unit tests (subject knowledge focus) • Formal assessment week (May) • Peer and self assessment • Homework tasks • Retrieval practice activities

Extension & Enrichment opportunities	What can you do to support your child?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revision guides/cards are available from CGP to help with exam preparation • Suggested websites include https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize https://www.freesciencelessons.co.uk/ https://www.physicsandmathstutor.com/ • Podcasts to inspire wider interest https://www.thenakedscientists.com/ https://www.scientificamerican.com/podcasts/ • Work is sometimes taken beyond the limits of the specification in order to provide greater depth of knowledge and understanding of material • Extension tasks are provided within the course which generate greater interest in the subject and help prepare students for A level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take an active interest in their learning • Quiz them on what they have learned that day or week • Encourage studying little and often throughout the year with focussed revision leading up to assessments • Work with them to produce a study timetable that is flexible and realistic

Inclusion	
In lessons	Subject specific
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers follow student passports to ensure that the needs of all students with SEND are met. • Work is enlarged to the necessary size for visually impaired students. • Teachers will ensure that classrooms are quiet learning environments where possible and will dim lights to support students with sensory needs. • Students have the use of laptop if they have a SEND need whereby use of a laptop supports them. • Hearing impaired students are supported through use a radio aid and teachers ensure that students can lip read at all times during lessons. • Dyslexic students are encouraged to use coloured overlays when they are required to read long passages. • Use of dyslexic friendly fonts and coloured backgrounds used in PowerPoints/resources. • Students with ADHD are given movement breaks, fidget toys and lessons are 'chunked' to aid concentration. • Students are seated according to their needs, students work with the SENDCo to decide upon this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For pupils with visual impairment, enlarged graph paper for plotting graphs during experiments • Physical impairment – where possible we amend practical equipment or provide a magnifying glass to view instruments • Hearing impaired – show videos with subtitles • Some laboratories have height-adjustable benches for wheelchair access • Cater for latex allergies by providing disposable gloves

If you have any questions about this Learning Overview, please contact the named Teacher above.