



Curriculum Overview for: Physics

Key Stage 3/4 Academic Year Group: 9

Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Forces	Motion	Energy Stores	Introduction to Waves	Introduction to Circuits	Energy Recourses
Content	-Contact & Non-contact Forces -Magnets & Magnetic fields -Forces & Elasticity (springs) -Gravity	-Scalars and Vectors (definitions and examples) -Speed -Stopping Distance	-Energy Stores and Transfers -Efficiency	-Transverse and Longitudinal Waves -Properties of the Electromagnetic Spectrum -Reflection and Refraction	-Building Circuits and Circuit Diagrams -Current, Potential Difference and Resistance	-National and Global Energy Resources
Rationale/ Linking	Provides a good introduction to forces which underpins future work on motion. This also provides opportunities to develop practical skills with the springs required practical.	Continues to develop student's understanding of using equations with the speed equation and an opportunity to explore unit conversions in familiar settings.	Introduces energy sto res and concepts of energy transfer so that students can identify these throughout their future studies.	Provides an application of energy transfers as well as introducing wave topics to underpin future study on waves in Y10	Provides an application of energy transfer and develops an understanding of circuits, including practical experience, to underpin study of this in Y10	Follows on from discussion of energy and looks at the application of this in real life
Assessment	The state of the s	essment in at the end of a Mid and end of topic tes		Learning Resources		





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Key Stage 4 Academic Year Group: 10

		INSPIRING CHILDREN				
Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Forces and their influence on Motion	Analysis of Motion	Density, Pressure and Floating	Calculating Changes in Energy and Thermal Energy	Waves	Electricity
Content	-Newtons Laws -Acceleration -Terminal Velocity	-Motion graphs -Momentum and Collisions	-Pressure in Fluids -Floating and sinking -Density	-Quantitative treatment of energy stores -Heat Capacity -Latent Heat -Conduction	-The Wave Equation -Sound and Ultrasound -Investigating waves -Seismic Waves -Light and Lenses	-Factors Affecting Resistance -V-I Characteristics of components -Energy transfers within circuits -Mains electricity and the National Grid.
Rationale/ Linking	Builds on Y9 work on forces with quantitative treatment of the material. Allows more difficult calculations to be introduced to build on prior work.	Builds on work from Autumn 1 to apply force and motion to more complex systems. Provides an opportunity to revisit stopping distances through motion graphs	Brings together ideas about forces from Autumn to consider forces in fluids. Density investigations follow naturally within this theme.	Builds on Y9 work on energy stores to include equations to calculate changes in energy.	Builds on Y9 work to include quantitative treatment of waves and wave of applications. Study of light allows refraction to be revisited and expanded.	Builds on Y9 study of electricity as well as providing foundation for Y11 study on electromagnetism.
Assessment		Mid and end of topic tes End of Year Assessment	†	Learning Resources		





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Term	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	The Atom and Radiation	Fission, Fusion, Gases and Space Physics	Scalars, Vectors and Advanced Motion	Electromagnetism	Revision and Exam Preparation	Revision and Exam Preparation
Content	-History of the Atom -Radioactivity -Applications of radiation (including medical physics)	-Nuclear Fission, Reactors and Fusion -Gas properties (Pressure, Volume and Temperature) -The Solar System -Big Bang theory	-Adding vectors by scale drawing -Resolving vectors into components -Applications of acceleration and final velocity equations	-Electromagnetic Devices -Motors -Generators -Transformers		
Rationale/ Linking	Builds on work from Y9 chemistry, providing opportunity to revisit this topic.	Follows from Autumn 1 work thematically, with links between atoms, gases and radiation and leading into stars through nuclear fusion.	Represents the most difficult mathematical aspects of the course (vectors and velocity equations). By visiting this in Y11, students have the necessary maths skills.	Builds on work from Y9 on magnetic fields (giving opportunity to revisit this) and Y10 electricity. Conceptually challenging topic, benefiting from secure foundations build in Y9 and 10.		
Assessment	Mid and end of topic test Mock Exam in December			Learning Resources		