Biology Curriculum Map – Key Stage 4

Year 10

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
SB3 – Genetics	SB3 – Genetics	SB4 – Natural Selection	SB5 – Health, Disease,	SB5 – Health, Disease,	SB9 – Ecosystems and
		and Genetic	and the Development	and the Development	Material Cycles
This unit covers	Sources of genetic	Modification	of Medicines	of Medicines	
chromosomes and the DNA Code, and studies how traits are passed on between generations.	variation SB4 – Natural Selection and Genetic Modification The theory of evolution by natural selection, and how new species and breeds arise over time, including human evolution.	Human impacts on genetic change, including selective breeding and genetic engineering.	This unit defines health and studies communicable and non-communicable diseases, as well as the human immune system and barriers to infection.	Continues building on the immune system, and looks at development of medicines and antibiotics Summer PPE Exams	This unit covers the definition of ecosystems and the idea of interdependence between all organisms. It also covers the carbon, water, and nitrogen cycles.
Assessment:	Assessment	Assessment:	Assessment:	Assessment:	Assessment:
Year 10 transition test. 6-mark question on dominant and recessive traits in genetics.	End of topic test – SB3 Genetics 6-mark question on evolution of breeds and varieties	6-mark question on antibiotic resistance End of topic test – SB4 Evolution	6-mark question on health data analysis End of topic test – SB5 Health and Disease	6-mark question on virus life cycles PPE Exam – Paper 1 covering chapters SB1 to SB5	6-Mark question on biofuels End of topic test – SB9 Ecology
Builds upon:	Builds upon:	Builds upon:	Builds upon:	Builds upon:	Build upon:
Key principles of inheritance and DNA. Sexual and asexual reproduction.	Evolution - that organisms change over time	Evolution - that organisms change over time How DNA contains instructions for the	The structure of bacteria That imbalances in diet can lead to obesity and deficiency diseases	The structure of bacteria That recreational drugs can affect behaviour,	How life on earth depends on photosynthesis in plants and algae.

	That Darwin came up with a theory to explain evolution	characteristics of organisms	Healthy lifestyles	health and life processes	The interdependence of organisms, including food webs.
Introduces: How gametes are produced by mitosis. The structure of DNA. Mutations and how genes cause genetic variation. Why certain characteristics are passed down through families.	Introduces: Continuous and discontinuous variation due to genetic and environmental factors. Darwin's Theory of evolution by natural selection. How different methods such as genetic analysis are being used to investigate evolution.	Introduces: How organisms are classified. Selective breeding Genetic modification Antibiotic Resistance	Introduces: How we define health Some pathogens and the diseases they cause How the spread of pathogens can be reduced or prevented How the body is protected against infection The immune system	Introduces: How antibiotics work How new medicines are developed	Introduces: How ecosystems are organised. How communities are affected by abiotic and biotic factors. How the abundance and distribution of organisms are measured. Parasites and mutualism. Human effects on ecosystems. The benefits of maintaining biodiversity.

Year 11

Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
SB6 – Plant Structures	Autumn PPE Exams	SB8 – Exchange and	Spring PPE Exams	Revision and Exam	GCSE Exams
and their Functions		Transport in Animals		Technique	
	SB7 – Animal		Revision and Exam	•	
This unit will help you	Coordination, Control,	This unit introduces	Technique		
learn about the process	and Homeostasis	you to diffusion,			
of photosynthesis and		different kinds of			
its importance, how	This unit introduces	respiration, how the			
plant structures are	you to hormones,	lungs are			
adapted to their	metabolic rate, the	adapted to their			
functions and how	menstrual cycle, blood	functions, and			
water, mineral ions and	glucose	calculating cardiac			
sugar are	and diabetes.	output.			
transported through					
plants.					
Assessment:	Assessment	Assessment:	Assessment:		
6-Mark Question on	Mock Exam – Paper 1	End of Topic Test – SB7	End of Topic Test on		
plant adaptations	covering chapters SB1-	Homeostasis	SB8 – Cardiovascular		
	5		System		
End of Topic Test – SB6		6-Mark Question on			
Plants	6-Mark Question on	cellular respiration	Mock Exam – Paper 2		
	Thermoregulation		covering chapters SB1		
			and SB6-9.		
Builds upon:	Builds upon:	Builds upon:			
That plants make their	How obesity is caused	How the digestive			
own food using	The structure and	system gets glucose			
photosynthesis	function of human	and other food			
How light and	reproductive systems	molecules in the blood			
chlorophyll are	The menstrual cycle	How the respiratory			
necessary for	The structure of sperm	system gets oxygen			
photosynthesis	and egg cells	into the blood			

How certain plant cells are specialised and adapted to their function	How enzymes help digest food molecules	Diffusion Different animal cells and their adaptations		
Introduces:	Introduces:	Introduces:		
More about	Endocrine glands	More about diffusion,		
photosynthesis and	How hormones are	gas exchange and the		
how different factors	transported to their	surface area : volume		
affect its rate	target organs	ratio		
How the rate of water	How the menstrual	More about the		
uptake by a plant is	cycle is controlled by	different types of		
affected by different	hormones	respiration		
factors	How hormones are	How the lungs, heart,		
How the reactants and	used in contraception	blood vessels and blood		
products of	About diabetes and	are adapted for their		
photosynthesis are	how blood glucose is	functions		
transported	controlled	How to calculate cardiac		
More specialised cells:	How Thyroxine and	output		
palisade, root hair,	adrenaline affect the			
xylem and phloem	body			
	What a negative			
	feedback mechanism is			