S Birchwood High School

Biology Curriculum Map 2023/2024

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summe
12	 Topic 1 Introduction to course SPEC 3.1 Biological molecules, Monosaccharides Disaccharides, Reducing and Non-reducing sugars & Test for reducing sugars Starch, Glyogen & Cellulose, Intro & Emulsion Test Triglicerides & Phospolipids, Mid topic assessment Proteins, introduction & Biuret test, formation of Dipeptide bonds. The structure of proteins The role of H – ionic bonds and disulphide bridges. Structure & Properties of proteins, Enzyme catalysis and activation energy. (The induced-fit model. Enzyme specifically linked to active site structure). Topic 2 SPEC 3.2 Cell structure Structure of prokaryotic cells and viruses Methods of Studying cells Microscopes All cells arise from other cells, The cell cycle Required Practical 2 Root tip squash	 Topic 1 Required Practical 1 enzyme controlled reaction Mid topic Assessment Nucleic acids, Structure & Importance Extracting DNA, Formation of Phosphodiester bond Semi-conservative replication Water, inorganic ions Mid topic Assessment, Exam practice, synoptic essay practice Feedback Topic 2 The structure of the cell-surface membrane. The fluid mosaic model The components of the cell-surface membrane Diffusion, Methods of crossing membranes, Data analysis of movement across membranes Osmosis & Water potential / Visking tubing exp ATP Active transport, Co-transport Required Practical 4 Permeability The adaptations of Epithelial cells Mid topic Assessment	Topic 1 SPEC 3.3 Exchange between organisms and the environment Gas exchange in single-celled organisms and insects phagocytosis Gas exchange in fish RP5 Fish gill dissection Gas exchange in the plant leaf Limiting water loss Structure of the human gas-exchange system Topic 2 Defence mechanisms Phagocytosis T-lymphocytes and cell mediated immunity B-lymphocytes and humoral immunity Antibodies Vaccination	Topic 1 The mechanism of breathing Exchange of gases in the lungs Enzymes and digestion SCIENCE WEEK TIMETABLE Absorption of the products of digestion Mid topic Assessment, synoptic essay practice HL Feedback Topic 2 HIV Mid topic Assessment RP6 Antimicrobials SPEC 3.4 Genes and the triplet code DNA and chromosomes Structure of ribonucleic acid Protein synthesis	Topic 1 Haemoglobin Transport of oxygen by ha Circulatory system of a m The structure of the heart Topic 2 Mid topic Assessment Mutations Meiosis and genetic variati Genetic diversity and adap
13	 Topic 1 SPEC 3.5 Overview of photosynthesis LDR Light independent reaction RP 7 Chromatography Mid topic Assessment Glycolysis Link reaction, Krebs cycle Oxidative phosphorylation RP9 Respiration Topic 2 SPEC 3.6 Survival and response Plant growth factors Reflex arc Receptors Control of heart rate Mid topic Assessment Nervous coordination Nerve impulse 	Topic 1Aerobic respiration Mid topicAssessmentFood chains and energy transfer, Energy transfer and productivityNutrient cycles, Natural and artificial fertilisersEnvironmental issuesSPEC 3.7 Studying inheritance Monohybrid, probability and genetic crossesDihybrid inheritance Co-dominanceTopic 2 Action potential Speed of impulse Synapses, Transmission across synapse Skeletal muscle structure Contraction of skeletal muscle Homeostasis	Mocks Topic 1 Sex linkage, autosomal linkage Mid topic Assessment, Exam practice, synoptic essay practice RP8 Dehydrogenase activity Epistasis Topic 2 Blood glucose, Diabetes RP Dilution Series Blood water potential, nephron structure Osmoregulation, Hormones in osmoregulation	 Topic 1 Population genetics Variation in phenotype Natural selection, effects on evolution Isolation and speciation, Succession Populations and ecosystems, investigating populations Competition and Predation RP 12 Field Studies RP Catch up sessions - in lessons and after school Topic 2 SPEC 3.8 Gene mutations, stem cells Regulation of transcription and translation Epigenetic control of gene expression Gene expression and cancer Gene expression and cancer - genome projects HL 	Full Mock Revision Statistics revision, pract Study Leave

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	Feedback mechanisms	Producing DNA fragments - in vivo gene	
	Mid topic Assessment	cloning - vectors, in vitro gene cloning –	
		PCR	
		Locating genes, genetic screening and	
		counselling - Genetic fingerprinting HL	