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Cycle/Cohort	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Autumn 1 Topics and Opportunities	<u>C1: Particle Model of Matter (4 Weeks)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> States of Matter Melting/Boiling Points Solubility Mixtures 	<u>P5: Waves (5 Weeks)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Properties of Waves Light Sound Ultrasound 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>B1: Living Systems (6 Weeks)</u> Cells and their Structures Microscopy Tissues and Organs Skeletons and Muscles 	<u>Cell Biology</u> Combined Science: 14 Lessons Separate Science: 17 Lessons Cell Structure Microscopy Microbiology (Separate Science) Stem Cells Cell Division Cell Transport <u>Atomic Structure and Periodic Table</u> Combined Science: 15 Lessons Separate Science: 17 Lessons Structure of the Atom Development of the Periodic Table Chemical Equations Separating Mixtures Transition Metals (Separate Science) <u>Particle Model of Matter</u> Combined Science: 7 Lessons Separate Science: 9 Lessons States of Matter Density Specific Heat Capacity Specific Latent Heat Gas Pressure Gas Laws (Separate Science)	<u>Infection and Response</u> Combined Science: 10 Lessons Separate Science: 15 Lessons Pathogens Barriers to Infection Viral Diseases Bacterial Diseases Fungal Diseases Immune System Vaccines Antibiotics Drug Testing Monoclonal Antibodies (Separate Science) <u>Bioenergetics</u> Combined Science: 9 Lessons Separate Science: 9 Lessons Photosynthesis Limiting Factors Aerobic/Anaerobic Respiration Metabolism <u>Chemical Changes</u> Combined Science: 12 Lessons Separate Science: 16 Lessons Reactivity Series Extraction of Metals Oxidation and Reduction Acids and Bases Making Salts Electrolysis Separate Science:

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					<p>Titration Strong/Weak Acids</p> <p>Electricity Combined Science: 7 Lessons Separate Science: 9 Lessons</p> <p>Circuits and Symbols Current and Charge Ohm's Law Non-Ohmic Conductors Series and Parallel Circuits Mains Electricity National Grid</p> <p>Separate Science: Static Electricity Electric Fields</p>
			<p>Girls in STEM Day workshops (September)</p> <p>World Space Week (4/10) Birmingham University- preparation for Triple Science (Space Physics unit)</p>		
Autumn 2 Topics and Opportunities	<p><u>C4: Acids and Alkalis (4 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazard Symbols • Acids and Alkalis • Neutralisation Acids and Metals 	<p><u>C2: Atoms and Periodic Table (6 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements and Compounds • Structure of the Atom • Periodic Table • Chemical and Physical Changes • Conservation of Mass 	<p><u>B3: Genetics and Evolution (6 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Species and Hybrids • Heredity • Adaptation • Natural Selection • Gene Banks 	<p><u>Organisation</u> Combined Science: 14 Lessons Separate Science: 14 Lessons</p> <p>Levels of Organisation Human Organs Digestive System Circulatory System Health/Non-Communicable Diseases Plant Organs</p> <p><u>Structure and Bonding</u> Combined Science: 11 Lessons</p>	<p><u>Inheritance, Variation and Evolution</u> Combined Science: 12 Lessons Separate Science: 16 Lessons</p> <p>Reproduction DNA and Genetics Variation Evolution Genetic Engineering Classification</p> <p>Separate Science:</p>

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				<p>Separate Science: 13 Lessons</p> <p>Ionic Bonding Covalent Bonding Polymers Giant Covalent Structures Metallic Bonding Nanoscience (Separate Science) States of Matter</p> <p><u>Atomic Structure and Isotopes</u> Combined Science: 7 Lessons Separate Science: 10 Lessons</p> <p>Structure of the Atom Ionising Radiation Radioactive Decay Half-Life Radiation Safety</p> <p>Separate Science: Background Radiation Fission v Fusion</p>	<p>Mutations Protein Synthesis Speciation</p> <p><u>Chemical Analysis</u> Combined Science: 4 Lessons Separate Science: 6 Lessons</p> <p>Pure/Impure Substances Formulations Gas Tests</p> <p>Separate Science: Analytical Techniques Spectrometry</p> <p><u>Forces</u> Combined Science: 8 Lessons Separate Science: 10 Lessons</p> <p>Contact and Non-Contact Forces Vectors Forces and Energy Speed and Acceleration Forces and Motion Momentum</p> <p>Separate Science: Impulse</p>
	Birmingham University Christmas Lectures (Chemistry)	Birmingham University Christmas Lectures (Chemistry/Physics)		Birmingham University Particle Physics Workshop in School	Birmingham University GCSE Masterclasses
	<p><u>B1: Living Systems (6 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cells and their Structures 	<p><u>P4: Energy (6 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Types and Transfers 	<p><u>P1: Forces (7 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact and Non-Contact Forces 	<p><u>Infection and Response</u> Combined Science: 10 Lessons Separate Science: 15 Lessons</p>	<p><u>Homeostasis and Response</u> Combined Science: 9 Lessons Separate Science: 12 Lessons</p>

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Spring 1 Topics and Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Microscopy • Tissues and Organs • Skeletons and Muscles 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efficiency • Energy in Food • Heat Transfer • Energy Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resultant Forces • Speed and Distance • Motion Graphs • Elasticity 	<p>Pathogens Barriers to Infection Viral Diseases Bacterial Diseases Fungal Diseases Immune System Vaccines Antibiotics Drug Testing Monoclonal Antibodies (Separate Science)</p> <p><u>Energy Changes</u> Combined Science: 5 Lessons Separate Science: 7 Lessons</p> <p>Exo/Endothermic Reactions Reaction Profiles Bond Energies (Higher Tier)</p> <p>Separate Science: Fuel Cells</p> <p><u>Energy</u> Combined Science: 9 Lessons Separate Science: 10 Lessons</p> <p>Energy Transfers Gravitational Potential Energy Kinetic Energy Elastic Potential Energy Thermal Energy Insulation (Separate Science) Energy Resources</p>	<p>N.B. Will take Separate Science Science almost all Summer Term to finish</p> <p>Homeostasis Nervous System/Reflex Arc Hormones Reproductive Hormones Fertility Adrenaline and Thyroxine</p> <p>Separate Science: The Brain The Eyes Kidneys Plant Hormones</p> <p><u>Rate and Extent of Chemical Change</u> Combined Science: 6 Lessons Separate Science: 8 Lessons</p> <p>Rates of Reaction Collision Theory Equilibrium and Reversible Reactions Le Chatelier's Principle</p> <p>Separate Science: The Haber Process Concentrations in terms of Moles</p> <p><u>Chemistry of the Atmosphere</u> Combined Science: 5 Lessons Separate Science: 5 Lessons</p> <p>Evolution of the Atmosphere Greenhouse Gases The Carbon Footprint</p> <p><u>Electricity and Magnetism</u></p>
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					<p>Combined Science: 4 Lessons Separate Science: 6 Lessons</p> <p>Permanent and Induced Magnets Electromagnets and Induction The Motor Effect</p> <p>Separate Science: The Generator Effect Transformers</p> <p><u>Waves</u> Combined Science: 6 Lessons Separate Science: 9 Lessons Transverse and Longitudinal Waves The Ripple Tank Reflection and Refraction Electromagnetic Spectrum Infra-Red Radiation</p> <p>Separate Science: Refraction Sound Seismic Waves</p>
		Visit to Think Tank- Focus: Energy Resources		<p>Insight into the Healthcare Professions Workshop - Birmingham University</p> <p>British Physics Olympiad- Oxford University</p> <p>Big Biology Quiz- Birmingham University</p>	
Spring 2 Topics and Opportunities	<p><u>P1: Forces (7 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact and Non-Contact Forces Resultant Forces Speed and Distance 	<p><u>B4: Photosynthesis and Respiration (6 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photosynthesis Limiting Factors 	<p><u>B4: Photosynthesis and Respiration (6 Weeks)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Photosynthesis Limiting Factors 	<p><u>Bioenergetics</u> Combined Science: 9 Lessons Separate Science: 9 Lessons</p> <p>Photosynthesis Limiting Factors</p>	<p>Revision For</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motion Graphs • Elasticity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerobic/Anaerobic Respiration • Blood and Circulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aerobic/Anaerobic Respiration • Blood and Circulation 	<p>Aerobic/Anaerobic Respiration Metabolism</p> <p><u>Chemical Changes</u> Combined Science: 12 Lessons Separate Science: 16 Lessons</p> <p>Reactivity Series Extraction of Metals Oxidation and Reduction Acids and Bases Making Salts Electrolysis</p> <p>Separate Science: Titrations Strong/Weak Acids</p> <p><u>Electricity</u> Combined Science: 11 Lessons Separate Science: 13 Lessons</p> <p>Circuits and Symbols Current and Charge Ohm's Law Non-Ohmic Conductors Series and Parallel Circuits Mains Electricity National Grid</p> <p>Separate Science: Static Electricity Electric Fields</p>	GCSE Exams
	Visit to National Space Centre Leicester (Gravity/Planets)			Forge Your Future (Girls)- Birmingham University	
	<u>B5: Reproduction and Growth (5 Weeks)</u>	<u>C6: Earth and Atmosphere (5 Weeks)</u>	<u>C3: Reactions (6 Weeks)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atoms and Elements 	<u>Homeostasis and Response</u> Combined Science: 14 Lessons	GCSE

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Summer 1 Topics and Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Human Reproduction Plant Reproduction Puberty Menstruation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structure of the Earth Rocks The Atmosphere Global Warming/Climate Change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reactivity Series Reversible Reactions Oxidation and Reduction 	<p>Separate Science: 22 Lessons N.B. Will take Separate Science Science almost all Summer Term to finish</p> <p>Homeostasis Nervous System/Reflex Arc Hormones Reproductive Hormones Fertility Adrenaline and Thyroxine</p> <p>Separate Science: The Brain The Eyes Kidneys Plant Hormones</p> <p>Quantitative Chemistry Combined Science: 6 Lessons Separate Science: 10 Lessons</p> <p>Balancing Equations The Mole Reacting Masses Empirical Formulae Limiting Reagents Concentration</p> <p>Separate Science: Percentage Yield Atom Economy Concentration of Gases Titration Calculations</p>	<p>Examination Season</p>

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Summer 2 Topics and Opportunities	<u>P3: Electricity and Magnetism (6 Weeks)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static Electricity • Circuits • Resistance • Magnetic Fields • Electromagnets 	<u>B6: Ecosystems (4 Weeks)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communities • Feeding Relationships • Human Impact on Environment 	<u>P3: Electricity and Magnetism (6 Weeks)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Static Electricity • Circuits • Resistance • Magnetic Fields • Electromagnets 	<u>Combined Science Classes: Ecology (10 Lessons)</u> <p>Biotic and Abiotic Factors Quadrats and Sampling Adaptations Human Impact on the Environment Climate Change</p> <p><u>Organic Chemistry</u> Combined Science: 8 Lessons Separate Science: 14 Lessons</p> <p>Crude Oil Hydrocarbons Fractional Distillation Combustion Cracking</p> <p>Separate Science: Alkenes Alcohols Carboxylic Acids</p> <p><u>Space Physics</u> Separate Science: 5 Lessons</p> <p>Life-Cycle of a Star Gravitational Fields Origins of the Universe</p> <p><u>Waves</u> Combined Science: 6 Lessons</p> <p>Transverse and Longitudinal Waves The Ripple Tank Reflection and Refraction Electromagnetic Spectrum</p>	
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				Infra-Red Radiation	
		Visit to West Midlands Safari Park		Separate Science: Visit to Birmingham University Astrophysics Department Combined Science: Discovery Day June 2023 (Birmingham University)	Insight into University- Birmingham University