

CIM - Curriculum Intent Map Chemistry

Exam board - GCSE: AQA Exam board - A'Level: AQA

Curriculum objectives:

To inspire a love of scientific discovery, developing curiosity that empowers learners to meet the challenges of education, work and life.

Curriculum values and context

Developing an understanding of each topic and an awareness of where the topic fits in to everyday life and career opportunities.

Knowledge and understanding being developed

See Yr11 and Yr13 KSU

Curriculum sequencing and structure

Biology will be delivered as A spiral structure, which allows skills to be introduced at KS3 and worked on and revisited throughout KS3 and into KS4. Providing the opportunity for skills to be introduced at KS3 and built upon, allowing for practice and revisiting with further complexity.

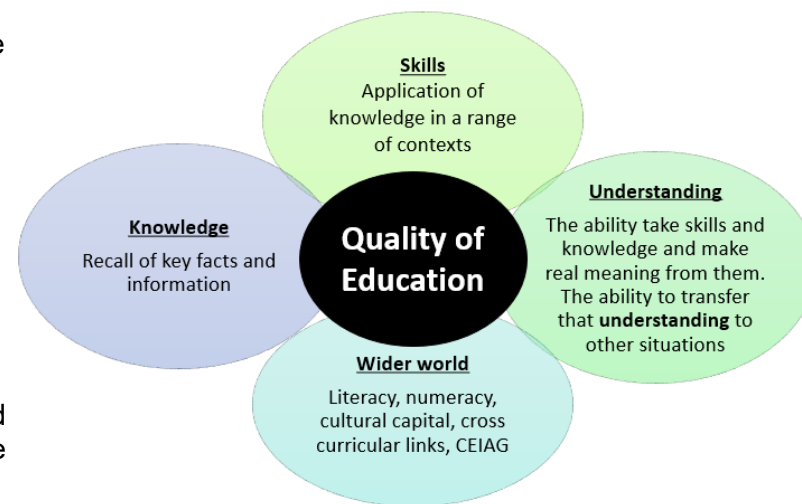
Retrieval practice across all year groups, random topics starter quiz. Recall assessments at the start of lessons. Looking at topics from previous key stages and building on this knowledge. Knowing the spec and linking current topics to previous topics to support this.

Development of students' cultural capital, FBV's, personal development

Opportunity to have advanced discussions about emotive and controversial topics. Opportunity to work with A level Biology, chemistry and Physics topics and think about things deeply. Access to doing complex practicals and critically evaluate them.

Curriculum equality and access

There is the opportunity to support students, making the content accessible and relatable through giving wider world scenarios that students can understand and see the relevance in. KS3 Focus around 10 big ideas each with big questions covered across the topic.



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Meeting the needs of SEND students within the classroom

Intent:


- Identification of key fundamental building blocks based on student need

Implementation:

- Knowledge of SEND need - knowing who they are, targeted T&L and classroom strategies to meet need.
- Staff trained to meet needs of SEND students specifically to their subject area
- Differentiated teaching and resources based on identified needs
- Targeted live marking and questioning
- Deploying TA's to support wider group to allow subject specialist support for SEND (helicopter approach)
- Personalised home learning
- Access arrangements – identification and application

Impact:

- Grading below Grade 1 to monitor progress
- Structured accessible assessments.

	Knowledge	Skills	Understanding	Wider world
Year 13 	5. Kinetics 6. Equilibria 17. Thermodynamics 18 Kinetics 19 Equilibrium constants 20 Electrode potentials and electrochemical cells 21. Acid, bases and buffers 22. Periodicity 23. Transition metals 24. Reactions of inorganic compounds in aqueous solutions 25. Nomenclature and isomerism 26. Compounds contain the carbonyl group 27. Aromatic chemistry 28. Amines 29. Polymerisation 30. Amino acids, proteins, and	Development of practical skills 1. Planning – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Experimental design ▫ Identification of variables to be controlled ▫ Evaluation of experimental method 2. Implementing – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Use of practical apparatus ▫ Carrying out a range of techniques ▫ Appropriate units for measurement ▫ Presenting observations and data 3. Analysis – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Processing, analysing and interpreting results ▫ Appropriate mathematical skills of data analysis ▫ Use of appropriate number of significant figures ▫ Plotting and interpreting graphs 	To develop understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical chemistry • The Transition elements • Organic Synthesis • Spectroscopy and NMR spectra How Science Works (applicable to y12/13) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSW1 Use theories, models and ideas to develop scientific explanations • HSW2 Use knowledge and understanding to pose scientific questions, define scientific problems, present scientific arguments and scientific ideas • HSW3 Use appropriate methodology, including information and 	Increase awareness of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • techniques involved in industrial chemistry (Chemical engineering) • Green chemistry • Buffers in the body • Medicines • Analysis techniques used in Quality Assurance. Overlapping topics with other A-levels <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biology – amino acids, proteins, chromatography, buffers, pH, catalysis • Physics – atomic structure Extra-curricular activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry Olympiad • Lincoln University Chem Department

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<p>DNA 31. Organic synthesis and analysis 32. Structure determination 33. Chromatography</p>	<p>4. Evaluation –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Evaluate results to draw conclusions ▫ Identify anomalies ▫ Explain limitations in method ▫ Precision and accuracy of measurements ▫ Uncertainties and errors ▫ Suggest improvements to help improve the experimental design <p>Required practical's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7 Measuring rate of reaction by initial rate method • 8 Measuring the EMF of an electrochemical cell • 9 Investigate pH changes between acids and bases • 10a) preparation of an organic solid and test for purity b) prepare a pure organic liquid • 11 carry out a simple test tube reaction to identify transition metal ions in solutions • 12 Separation of species by thin layer chromatography <p>Maths skills – see y12 for specific skills</p> <p>To develop practical techniques and explain the processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reach appropriate conclusions from qualitative and quantitative observations. • To identify and calculate errors. • To write formulae and balanced chemical equations. • To produce accurate graphs that can be 	<p>communication technology (ICT), to answer scientific questions and solve scientific problems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSW4 Carry out experimental and investigative activities, including appropriate risk management, in a range of contexts • HSW5 Analyse and interpret data to provide evidence, recognising correlations and causal relationships • HSW6 Evaluate methodology, evidence and data, and resolve conflicting evidence • HSW7 Know that scientific knowledge and understanding develops over time • HSW8 Communicate information and ideas in appropriate ways using appropriate terminology • HSW9 Consider applications and implications of science and evaluate their associated benefits and risks • HSW10 Consider ethical issues in the treatment of humans, other organisms and the environment • HSW11 Evaluate the role of the scientific community in validating new knowledge and ensuring integrity • HSW12 Evaluate the ways in which society uses science to inform decision making 	<p>and Med School trip</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After school revision/exam prep sessions • Links to Nottingham University Chemistry Dept • Lincoln University • Excellent foundation for progression to higher education and advanced apprentices.
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		used for analysis.		
Year 12 	1. Atomic structure 2. Amount of substance 3. Bonding 4. Energetics 7 Oxidation, reduction and redox reactions 8. Periodicity 9. Group 2, The Alkaline Earth Metals 10. Group 7 (17) The Halogens 11. Introduction to organic chemistry 12. Alkanes 13. Halogenoalkanes 14. Alkenes 15. Alcohols 16. Organic analysis	Module 1 – Development of practical skills - see y13 for specific skills 1. Planning 2. Implementing 3. Analysis 4. Evaluation Required practical's <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Making a standard solution and carrying out a simple titration • 2 Measuring enthalpy change • 3 Investigating how the rate of a reaction changes with temperature • 4 carry out simple test tube reactions to identify cations and anions in an aqueous solution • 5 distillation of a product from a reaction • 6 Test for alcohol, aldehyde, alkene and carboxylic acid Maths Skills (applicable for y12 and y13) Arithmetic and numerical computation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognise and make use of appropriate units in calculations • Recognise and use expression in decimal and ordinary form • Use ratios, fractions and percentages • Estimate results Handling data	To develop the understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Chemistry ideas • The Periodic Table • Energy • Core organic chemistry and analysis. 	Increase awareness of; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Techniques involved in industrial chemistry (Chemical engineering) • How chemicals affect the environment. • Analysis techniques used in Quality Assurance. Extra-curricular activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry Olympiad • Iceland Trip • Links to Nottingham University Chemistry Dept • Lincoln University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent foundation for progression to higher education and advanced apprentices.

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant figures • Means • Uncertainty of measurement <p>Algebra</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and use symbols • Changing subject of equations • Substitute numerical values into algebraic equations • Logarithms <p>Graphs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Translate information • Plot two variables from experimental data • Determine slope and intercept of a linear graph • Calculate rate • Draw tangents <p>Geometry and trigonometry</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2d/3d forms • Symmetry in 2d/3d forms <p>To develop practical techniques and explain the processes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To reach appropriate conclusions from qualitative and quantitative observations. • To identify and calculate errors. • To write formulae and balanced chemical equations. • To produce accurate graphs that can be used for analysis. 		
<p>Year 11</p> 	<p>Separates Chemistry</p> <p>C10 Organic reactions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reactions of alkenes; alcohols, carboxylic acids and esters; alcohols; esters <p>C11 Polymers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition polymerisation; 	<p>Practical Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of specialised chemistry equipment - burettes, pipettes, distillation apparatus • Following a method • Collecting results • Making observations • Analysing results 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States of matter • Separation techniques • Bonding • The Periodic Table • Acids and Alkalis • Hydrocarbons and oil • Fuels 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy - structuring answers to long answer questions • Numeracy - maths in science • Careers in chemistry - farming, brewing, nanotechnology • Geography - links to global warming/Earth

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<p>condensation polymerisation; natural polymers; DNA</p> <p>C12 Chemical Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pure substances and mixtures; analysing chromatograms; testing for gases; testing for positive and negative ions; instrumental analysis <p>The Earth's Resources (C14)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finite and renewable resources; water safe to drink; treating waste water; extracting metals from ores; life cycle assessments; reduce, reuse, recycle <p>C15 Using our resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rusting; useful alloys; glass, ceramics and composites; Haber process; making fertilisers in the laboratory and industry <p>Combined Science Chemistry The Earth's Resources (C12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finite and renewable resources; water safe to drink; treating waste water; extracting metals from ores; life cycle assessments; reduce, reuse, recycle <p>Chemical Analysis(C10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purity and formulations, analysing paper chromatography, tests for common gases 	<p>Required practical's</p> <p>Separates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Use titration to investigate reacting volumes • 6 Calculate Rf values • 7 Use chemical tests to identify unknown compounds <p>Combined Science</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Calculate Rf values <p>Numeracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers in standard form • Units • Calculations and using formula triangles • Rearranging equations • Drawing graphs <p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using scientific vocabulary • Developing writing long answers for 6 mark questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PSHCE - biofuels and non-renewable fuels <p>Extra-curricular activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
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	<p>distillation of oil, burning hydrocarbon fuels, cracking hydrocarbons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 			
<p>Year 9</p> 	<p>Atomic Structure (C1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Atoms, elements, isotopes, compounds, chemical equations, mixtures, paper chromatography, separating techniques, distillation, the history of the atom, electronic structure <p>The Periodic Table (C2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • development of the PT, the modern PT, metals and non-metals, Group 1, Group 7, Group 0, transition elements <p>Bonding Structure and the Properties of Matter (C3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ions, ionic bonding, ionic compounds, covalent bonding, simple molecular substances, larger covalent substances, allotropes of carbon, metallic bonding, states of matter, changing state, nanoparticles, uses of nanoparticles <p>Rates and Equilibrium (C8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rate of reaction, collision theory and surface area, effect of temperature, concentration or pressure, catalysts, reversible reactions, dynamic equilibrium, altering conditions 	<p>Practical Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of specialised chemistry equipment - biurettes, pipettes, distillation, filtration, chromatography apparatus • Following a method • Collecting results • Making observations • Analysing results <p>Required practical's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Prepare a salt from an insoluble metal carbonate or oxide <p>Numeracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers in standard form • Units • Calculations and using formula triangles • Drawing graphs <p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using scientific vocabulary • Developing writing long answers for 6 mark questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • States of matter • Separation techniques • Bonding • The Periodic Table • Acids and Alkalis • Global issues - Climate change 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literacy - structuring answers to long answer questions • Numeracy - maths in science • Careers in chemistry - farming, brewing, nanotechnology • Geography - links to global warming/Earth • PSHCE - biofuels and non-renewable fuels <p>Extra-curricular activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry Challenge • Magna Science trip • The Deep Science trip • London residential

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 Year 8	<p>5 Matter (part 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elements (elements, atoms, compounds, chemical formulae, polymers). • Periodic table (the periodic table, group 1, group 7, group 0) <p>6 Reactions (part 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Types of reactions (atoms in chemical reactions, combustion, thermal decomposition, conservation of mass) • Chemical energy (exothermic, endothermic, energy level diagrams, bond energies) <p>7 Earth (part 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climate (global warming, the carbon cycle, climate change) • Earths resources (extracting metals, recycling) 	<p>Practical Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collecting results • Making observations • Analysing results <p>Literacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Using scientific vocabulary • Developing writing long answers for 6 mark questions <p>Numeracy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calculations and using formula triangles • Drawing graphs • Recall of answers <p>Enquiry process</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Asking scientific questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Explain how and why some questions can be investigated and why some cannot ▫ Suggest examples of independent, dependent, and control variables in an unfamiliar situation ▫ Explain in detail why a specific question cannot be investigated, suggesting alternative questions that can be investigated Planning investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Write a detailed plan for a hypothetical investigation ▫ Explain the effect of experimental error, and of not controlling all the variables adequately ▫ Identify risks in an experiment and write an appropriate risk assessment for an investigation and explain why the experiment can, or cannot, be conducted in a science laboratory Recording data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How crystals are formed • How metals react with oxygen • How corrosion occurs • 3 types of rock formation • The difference between acids and alkalis • The pH scale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers link: Medical science • Brewing alcohol, • nanotechnology • Neutralisation reactions • Literacy - long answer questions • Numeracy - calculations • Geography/Geology - rocks, weathering <p>Extra-curricular activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Bang Trip
 Year 7	<p>5 Matter (part 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Particle model (particle model, states of matter, melting and freezing, boiling, changes of state. Diffusion, gas pressure, inside particles) • Separating mixtures (pure substances and mixtures, solutions, solubility, filtration, evaporation and distillation, chromatography) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Asking scientific questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Explain how and why some questions can be investigated and why some cannot ▫ Suggest examples of independent, dependent, and control variables in an unfamiliar situation ▫ Explain in detail why a specific question cannot be investigated, suggesting alternative questions that can be investigated Planning investigations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Write a detailed plan for a hypothetical investigation ▫ Explain the effect of experimental error, and of not controlling all the variables adequately ▫ Identify risks in an experiment and write an appropriate risk assessment for an investigation and explain why the experiment can, or cannot, be conducted in a science laboratory Recording data 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How crystals are formed • How metals react with oxygen • How corrosion occurs • 3 types of rock formation • The difference between acids and alkalis • The pH scale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Careers link: Medical science • Brewing alcohol, • nanotechnology • Neutralisation reactions • Literacy - long answer questions • Numeracy - calculations • Geography/Geology - rocks, weathering <p>Extra-curricular activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Big Bang Trip

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<p>6 Reactions (part 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acids and alkalis (chemical reactions, acids and alkalis, indicators and pH, acid strength, neutralisation, making salts) • Metals and non-metals (more about elements, chemical reactions of metals and non-metals, metals and acids, metals and oxygen, metals and water, metal displacement reactions) <p>7 Earth (part 1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earth structure (structure of Earth, sedimentary rocks, igneous rocks, metamorphic rocks, rock cycle, ceramics) • Universe (night sky, Solar system, Earth, Moon and changing ideas about the Universe) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Explain how to collect and record accurate and precise data ▫ Calculate a mean for repeat readings in a range of situations ▫ Explain the choice of graph or chart for different types of data, and plot them <p>4. <u>Analysing patterns</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Plot data on a graph and draw the line of best fit ▫ Analyse data from an investigation to draw up a detailed conclusion, describe relationships, and suggest alternative explanations where appropriate <p>5. <u>Evaluating data</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▫ Compare and contrast data, suggesting reasons why the data may be different ▫ Explain ways of improving data in a practical investigation 		
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At The Elizabethan Academy we offer a curriculum that:

- is broad, balanced, inspiring and inclusive
- builds confidence, independence and **resilience**
- encourages students to develop the **skills, knowledge and understanding** required to succeed academically
- encourages students to participate in a wide variety of activities which extend beyond the classroom
- places creativity and imagination at the heart of learning to develop enquiring minds
- enables students to understand the connections and links between different subjects
- raises students' aspirations through promoting academic excellence
- develops students' **social and cultural knowledge**, skills and understanding
- develops students' **respect for spiritual and moral values**, and tolerance towards other races, religions and ways of life.
- gives students the opportunities to put theoretical skills into practice and expand their knowledge beyond the exam specification
- prepares students for the world of work in a rapidly changing world.

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2025-2026	Year 12 (AQA)					
	Half term 1	Half term 2	Half term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5	Half term 6
<p>Knowledge, Skills and Understanding</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1.1 Atomic structure 3.1.2 Amount of substance <p>Mathematical Skills- calculating moles and masses in reactions. Fully understanding chemical formula</p> <p>Knowledge of the atom and electron subshell configuration</p> <p>Expressing amounts of a substance in a chemical reaction.</p> <p>Evaluating the relationship between pressure and volume in gaseous substances</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1.3 Bonding 3.1.4 Energetics 3.1.5 Kinetics 3.1.7 Oxidation, reduction and redox equations <p>Knowledge of shapes of molecules using VSEPR theory. Understand the particle model of chemical reactions. Apply and evaluate changes in oxidation state</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1.6 <u>Chemical equilibria, Le Chatelier's principle and K_c</u> <p>Understand apply the principles of Le Chatelier. Determine changes in the position of equilibria and how reaction conditions are changed to suit the needs of a chemical reaction.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2.1 <u>Periodicity</u> 3.2.2 Group 2, the alkaline earth metals 3.2.3 Group 7(17), the halogens <p>Students study the elements of period 3 in depth. Understanding the trends in physical and chemical properties of elements from Na to Ar. Explain the reactions of the halogens as reducing agents and their reactivity.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.3.1 <u>Introduction to organic chemistry</u> 3.3.2 Alkanes 3.3.3 Halogenoalkanes <p>Use IUPAC nomenclature to classify organic molecules. Understand simple organic reactions in terms of their mechanisms (Nucleophilic substitution and electrophilic addition). Understand the major functional groups of organic molecules and how they react/interconvert.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.3.4 Alkenes 3.3.5 <u>Alcohols</u> 3.3.6 Organic analysis <p>Understand how to interpret IR Spectroscopy and Mass Spectrometry can be used to identify organic molecules. Understand how and why alcohols can be oxidised and reduced. Write simple synthetic routes for target molecules. Use chemical tests to identify the nature of molecules. Represent molecules in skeletal, structural and displayed formulas.</p>
<p>ASSESSMENT</p> 	<p>Mini Assessments</p> <p>Baseline testing (Assessment 1) – September</p> <p>Assessment 2 – November</p> <p>Required Practical 1 Titrations</p> <p>Required Practical 2 Energy Changes</p>		<p>Required Practical 3 Investigate rate of reactions with changes in temperature</p> <p>Required Practical 4 Carry out simple test tube reactions to identify anions and cations</p> <p>Mock Examinations</p> <p>Assessment 3 – January</p> <p>Assessment 4 – March</p>		<p>Required Practical 5 Distillation of a product from a reaction</p> <p>Required Practical 6 Test for Alcohol, Aldehyde, Alkene and Carboxylic acids</p> <p>Paper 1 AQA AS Examination (50% of AS) 1hr30 mins</p> <p>Paper 2 AQA AS Examination (50% of AS) 1hr30 mins</p>	

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 <p>Embed your knowledge</p>	<p><u>A Level Chemistry Revision AQA, OCR and Edexcel</u> Afterschool revision sessions held every week to further practice examination technique and tackle problems and misconceptions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry - Atomic Properties Menu • Vision Learning: Chemistry Early Ideas about Matter • YouTube: Structure of the Atom 1: The Earliest Models • BBC: <u>History - Ancient History in depth: The Story of Carbon Dating</u> • Astrobiology Magazine: Mars: The Other Time-of-Flight • Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry - Mass Spectrometry Menu 	<p><u>A Level Chemistry Revision AQA, OCR and Edexcel</u> <u>The Whole of AQA A-Level Chemistry Revision for AS and A-Level Exams - YouTube</u></p> <p>Chemguide: <u>Understanding Chemistry – Bonding Menu</u></p>	<p><u>A Level Chemistry Revision AQA, OCR and Edexcel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S-cool, the revision website: A Level Chemistry Revision • Chemguide: Helping you to understand Chemistry • ChemGym: Quizzes for learning and revising A level Chemistry • Twitter: @ChemistryALevel • The Royal Society: Topics
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2025-2026	Year 13 (AQA)					
	Half term 1	Half term 2	Half term 3	Half term 4	Half term 5	Half term 6
<p>Knowledge, Skills and Understanding</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1.8 Thermodynamics (A-level only) 3.1.9 Rate equations (A-level only) 3.1.10 <u>Equilibrium constant K_p</u> for homogeneous systems (A-level only) 3.1.11 Electrode potentials and electrochemical cells (A-level only) 3.1.12 Acids and bases (A-level only) <p>Understand how the rate of chemical reactions can be expressed by a rate equation. Explain how to use the Arrhenius equation to find the activation energy for a chemical reaction. Construct and design simple electrochemical cells and explain how these could be used in the future to power cars</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.2.4 Properties of Period 3 elements and their oxides (A-level only) 3.2.5 Transition metals (A-level only) 3.2.6 Reactions of ions in aqueous solution (A-level only) <p>Develop a deep understanding of the elements in period 3. Compare and contrast their acidic and basic nature. Explain how transition metal complexes have industrial applications and medicinal uses.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.3.7 <u>Optical isomerism (A-level only)</u> 3.3.8 Aldehydes and ketones (A-level only) 3.3.9 Carboxylic acids and derivatives (A-level only) 3.3.10 Aromatic chemistry (A-level only) <p>Taking the knowledge of AS Chemistry and develop this further with a comprehensive appreciation and study of all major organic functional groups. Study of aromatic chemistry and the application of synthetic routes and reaction conditions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.3.11 Amines (A-level only) 3.3.12 Polymers (A-level only) 3.3.13 <u>Amino acids, proteins and DNA (A-level only)</u> <p>Students will understand how Chemistry applies to biological molecules. Natural polymers such as Amino Acids and DNA. Students will be able to predict the Primary, Secondary and Tertiary structures of proteins and how they interact with biological systems.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.3.14 Organic synthesis (A-level only) 3.3.15 <u>Nuclear magnetic resonance spectroscopy (A-level only)</u> 3.3.16 Chromatography (A-level only) <p>Students will study how all organic functional groups and mechanisms in isolation can be combined into a synthetic route for a target molecule. NMR spectroscopy studies will allow students to correctly identify the full structure of molecules. Required practical work in this half term will complement the studies in class- such as the preparation of Aspirin and its assay.</p>	

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 <p>ASSESSMENT</p>	<p>Required Practical 7- Measuring the rate of reaction by initial rate method and continuing monitoring method</p> <p>Required Practical 8- Measuring the EMF of an electrochemical cell</p> <p>Baseline testing (assessment 1)</p> <p>A Level Paper 1 (adapted) PPE (October/November)</p> <p>A Level Paper 2 (adapted) PPE (October/November)</p>	<p>Required Practical 9 Investigate pH changes in acid/base reactions</p> <p>Required Practical 10 Preparation of an organic solid/liquid and test of its purity</p> <p>Mock Examinations</p> <p>Paper 1 (adapted) PPE (February/Mar)</p> <p>Paper 2 (adapted) PPE (February/Mar)</p> <p>Paper 3 (adapted) PPE (Feb/Mar)</p>	<p>Required Practical 11 Carry out simple test tube reactions to identify transition metal ions in aqueous solutions</p> <p>Required Practical 12 Separation of species by thin layer chromatography</p> <p>Paper 1 AQA A Level Chemistry (35%) 2 Hours</p> <p>Paper 2 AQA A Level Chemistry (35%) 2 Hours</p> <p>Paper 3 AQA A Level Chemistry (30%) 2 Hours</p>
 <p>Embed your knowledge</p>	<p>Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry - Acid-Base Equilibria Menu</p> <p>Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry - Chemical Equilibria Menu</p>	<p>Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry – Optical Isomerism</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry – Carboxylic Acids Menu • Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry – Acyl (Acid) Chlorides Menu • Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry – Acid Anhydrides Menu • Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry – Esters Menu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Scientist: Space radiation may select amino acids for life • YouTube: The Mechanism of Cisplatin • Cancer Research UK: Cisplatin • Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry – Amino Acids and Other Biochemistry Menu <p>Chemguide: Understanding Chemistry – NMR Menu</p>

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