

Curriculum Intent:

The Northampton Academy science curriculum is designed to let all students thrive and develop a love for science. When students reach KS4 they will have a strong foundation of understanding and appreciation of the scientific world and will continually work on their competence in all aspects of science, building a better understanding of how the world around us works and our place within it.

In Science at KS4 pupils should be able to develop the independence, resilience and character traits required to prepare them to be able to critically analyse information and apply these traits to their everyday lives. In Science the skill of processing information and data can be used in problem solving, planning, and strategising when required. Students will also be exposed to careers and learn about the types of careers that would use the knowledge they will learn about in each of their topics.

'Why This, Why Now?'

In our planning, we have asked ourselves 'why this, why now?' Here we provide some examples of the curriculum choices we have made, and why the units have been placed in the order we have chosen:

Curriculum Intent Science



We aim to stoke your curiosity and better your understanding about the world around you.

You will have the opportunity to:

- Gain investigative skills, allowing you to question and inquire.
- Expand your scientific knowledge about the world you live in.
- Improve and develop existing numeracy, literacy and problem solving skills



Respect
Determination
Ambition
Tolerance
Integrity

- DNA, genes and inheritence is taught before evolution as a basic understanding of how characteristics are passed on is needed in order to more fully grasp the concepts of natural selection and why species evolve.
- Rates of reaction is taught before Organic Chemistry; this way pupils have a better understanding of why a catalyst must be used when cracking alkanes.





The Medium Term Planning document below is designed to show the journey that every student takes through our curriculum. Some elements of the curriculum may be taught over several lessons, others in a single lesson.

Science				
Topic	Content	Key words	Formative Assessments?	
C6 – The Rate and Extent of Chemical Change	Rates of reaction Collision Theory Factors affecting rates of reaction Reversible Reactions The Effect of Changing Conditions on Equilibrium (HT) Le Chatelier's Principle uses in	Activation energy Collision theory Temperature Surface area Concentration Pressure Equilibrium Dynamic Equilibrium	Prior knowledge checks Bell work- retrieval quizzes/retrieval roulette Exam question plenaries (low stakes application) End of topic 'Pause Point' assessment.	https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons Click 'KS4 Science' Under Chemistry Click 'The rate and extent of chemical change'
B5 - Homeostasis	industry (HT) The Nervous System Hormonal Responses Blood Sugar and Diabetes Menstrual Cycle Fertility (HT) Contraception	Neurone Synapse Synaptic Gap Endocrine Gland Target Organ Hormone Pituitary gland Adrenalin Thyroxin Luteinising hormone Follicle Stimulating hormone Testosterone Oestrogen Progesterone	Prior knowledge checks Bell work- retrieval quizzes/retrieval roulette Exam question plenaries (low stakes application) End of topic 'Pause Point' assessment.	https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons Click 'KS4 Science' Under Biology Click 'Homeostasis'
C7 – Organic Chemistry	Crude Oil Fractional Distillation Cracking and Uses of Hydrocarbons	Alkane Hydrocarbon Distillation Evaporate		





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	Forces		Prior knowledge checks Bell work- retrieval quizzes/retrieval roulette Exam question plenaries	https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons
	Weight, Mass and Gravity	Newton		
	Forces and Work	Weight		
DE E	Elasticity	Mass		Click 'KS4 Science'
P5 - Forces	Velocity and Acceleration	Spring constantMomentum	(low stakes application)	Under Physics Click 'Forces'
	Newtons Laws of Motion	Reaction time	End of topic 'Pause Point' assessment.	
	Stopping Distance	Factors		
	Momentum (HT)			
	Reproduction	Meiosis	Prior knowledge checks Bell work- retrieval quizzes/retrieval roulette Exam question plenaries (low stakes application) End of topic 'Pause Point' assessment.	https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons Click 'KS4 Science' Under Biology Click 'Inheritance, variation and evolution'
	Genetic Inheritance	Fertilisation		
	Genetic disorders	Chromosomes		
	Natural Selection and Evolution	DNA Nucleotide		
	Selective Breeding and Genetic	Gametes		
	engineering	— Genotype		
В6 -		Phenotype		
Inheritance		Homozygous		
		Heterozygous		
	Classification	Kingdom		
	Classification	Domain		
		Species Genus		
		Competition		
		Gene		
	Pure and Impure substances	Formulation	Prior knowledge checks	https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons
C8 – Chemical	Chromatography	Pure	Bell work- retrieval	Click 'KS4 Science'
Analysis	Gas tests	Impure	quizzes/retrieval roulette	Under Chemistry Click 'Chemical Analysis





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	Mobile Phase	Exam question plenaries	
	Stationary Phase	(low stakes application)	
	Precipitate	End of topic 'Pause Point'	
		assessment.	



Summative Assessment:

Pupil Mid-Year Assessments will take place towards the end of half term 2. These will cover all content taught in Year 10 (All of the Paper 1 content). This assessment will inform Rank Order and will therefore inform group moves once this data is published to students and parents.

Science	Year 11 – Half Term 3			
Topic	Content	Key words		Link(s) to an example lesson
	Wave properties	Wave speed		
	Measuring Waves	Wavelength		https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons
P6 - Waves	Refraction	Frequency		Click 'KS4 Science'
	Electromagnetic Spectrum	Amplitude Period Ionisation		Under Physics Click 'Waves'
	The Earth's Atmosphere	Greenhouse gas		https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons
C9 –	The Greenhouse Effect	Climate Change		Click 'KS4 Science'
Atmosphere	Climate Change	Acid rain Erosion		Under Chemistry Click 'Chemistry of
-	Pollutants	Melting		the atmosphere'
P7 - Magnetisi	m		Prior knowledge checks Bell work- retrieval quizzes/retrieva roulette Exam question plenaries (low stakes application) End of topic 'Pause Point' assessment	Click 'KS4 Science' Under Physics Click 'Magnetism'
C10 – Using Resources			Prior knowledge checks Bell work- retrieval quizzes/retrieva roulette Exam question plenaries (low stakes application) End of topic 'Pause Point' assessment	Click 'KS4 Science' Under Chemistry Click 'Using Resources'







Science	Year 11 – Half Term 4 onwards		
Topic	Content	Formative Assessments?	Link(s) to an example lesson
All content	Individually tailored revision by group	Prior knowledge checks Bell work- retrieval quizzes/retrieval roulette Exam question plenaries (low stakes application) End of topic 'Pause Point' assessment.	https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons Click 'KS4 Science'

Extra Support	SEND Adaptations
We primarily address the needs of our students by continually improving our teaching and ensuring high quality lessons. To ensure <u>all</u> students, regardless of SEND needs or ability can access the content, we also embed the following measures in our lessons>	 Instructions kept short and clear Use of a 'slow practical' approach Use of visual practical sheets Planning lessons with a common predictable structure (Do now, I, We You, etc) Use clear timings for task completion where appropriate Using scaffolds for calculations (VESRAU) Lots of key term repetition to aid with retention Model answers/scaffolding for written work Coloured resources for students with visual stress

