Year 10 COMBINED SCIENCE (BIOLOGY) Curriculum Map

Term	Topic/Unit title	Essential knowledge & skills
		(what students should know, understand and be able to do by the end of the unit/topic)
Autumn 1+2	4.1 Cell biology	Specification
		https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF
		4.1 Cell biology
		including:
		4.1.1 Cell structure
		4.1.2 Cell division
		4.1.3 Transport in cells
		Required practical activity 1: use a light microscope to observe, draw and label a selection of
		plant and animal cells. A magnification scale must be included.
		Required practical activity 2: investigate the effect of a range of concentrations of salt or sugar
		solutions on the mass of plant tissue.
Autumn 2 +	4.2 Organisation	Specification
Spring 1		https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF

4.2 Organisation
including:
4.2.1 Principles of organisation
4.2.2.1 The human digestive system
4.2.2.2 The heart and blood vessels
4.2.2.3 Blood
4.2.2.4 Coronary heart disease: a non-communicable disease
4.2.2.5 Health issues
4.2.2.6 The effect of lifestyle on some non-communicable diseases
4.2.2.7 Cancer
Required practical activity 3: use qualitative reagents to test for a range of carbohydrates, lipids
and proteins.
To include: Benedict's test for sugars; iodine test for starch; and Biuret reagent for protein.
Required practical activity 4: investigate the effect of pH on the rate of reaction of amylase
enzyme.

Spring 2 +	4.3 Infection and response	Specification
Summer 1		https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF
		4.3 Infection and response
		including:
		4.3.1.1 Communicable (infectious) diseases
		4.3.1.2 Viral diseases (measles and HIV only)
		4.3.1.3 Bacterial diseases
		4.3.1.5 Protist diseases (malaria)
		4.3.1.6 Human defence systems
		4.3.1.7 Vaccination
		4.3.1.8 Antibiotics and painkillers
		4.3.1.9 Discovery and development of drugs
Summer 2	Plant biology	Specification
	4.2 plant tissues and organs	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF
	4.3 plant disease	
	4.4. bioenergetics	Plant biology
		including:

	4.2.3.1 Plant tissues
	4.2.3.2 Plant organ system
	4.4.1 Photosynthesis
	4.3.1.2 Viral diseases (tobacco mosaic virus only)
	4.3.1.4 Fungal diseases (rose black spot)
	Required practical activity 5: investigate the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis
	using an aquatic organism such as pondweed.
	4.4.2.1 Aerobic and anaerobic respiration
	4.4.2.2 Response to exercise

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Term	Topic/Unit title	
Autumn 1	4.5 Homeostasis & Response	Specification https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF
		4.5 Homeostasis & Response
		including:
		4.5.1 Homeostasis
		4.5.2 The human nervous system
		4.5.3.1 Human endocrine system
		4.5.3.2 Control of blood glucose concentration
		4.5.3.3 Hormones in human reproduction
		4.5.3.4 Contraception
		Infertility and IVF taught here although not on the specification for combined science
		Required practical activity 6: plan and carry out an investigation into the effect of a factor on
		human reaction time.
Autumn 2	Complete 4.5. Homeostasis & Response	Specification

	PPE fortnight 4.6 Inheritance, variation and evolution	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF 4.6 Inheritance, variation and evolution including: 4.6.1.1 Sexual and asexual reproduction 4.6.1.2 Meiosis
Spring 1	4.6 Inheritance, variation and evolution	Specification https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF 4.6 Inheritance, variation and evolution including: 4.6.1.3 DNA and the genome 4.6.1.4 Genetic inheritance 4.6.1.5 Inherited disorders

		4.6.1.6 Sex determination
		4.6.2.1 Variation
		4.6.2.2 Evolution
		4.6.2.3 Selective breeding
		4.6.2.4 Genetic engineering
		4.6.3.1 Evidence for evolution
		4.6.3.2 Fossils
		4.6.3.3 Extinction
		4.6.3.4 Resistant bacteria
		4.6.4 Classification of living organisms
Spring 2	4.7 Ecology	Specification
		https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/science/specifications/AQA-8464-SP-2016.PDF
		4.7.2.2 How materials are cycled
		4.7.3.1 Biodiversity
		4.7.3.2 Waste management
		4.7.3.3 Land use

		4.7.3.4 Deforestation 4.7.3.5 Global warming 4.7.3.6 Maintaining biodiversity
Summer 1	Targeted revision Past paper exam practice & exam technique	