Year 10 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 & Autumn 2	4.1 Cell biology	Specification https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF 4.1 Cell biology including: 4.1.1 Cell structure (excluding 4.1.1.6 which is taught with microbes) 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 3: investigate the effect of a range of concentrations of salt or sugar solutions on the mass of plant tissue.		
Autumn 2	Finish 4.1 Cell biology	Specification https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF		

4.2 Organisation	
	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 4: 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 5: investigate the effect of pH on the rate of reaction of amylase
	enzyme.

4.3 Infection and response	Specification	
	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF	
	4.3 Infection and response	
	including:	
	4.1.1.6 Culturing microorganisms	
	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	
	4.3.2 Monoclonal antibodies (HT only)	
	Required practical activity 2: investigate the effect of antiseptics or antibiotics on bacterial growth	
	using agar plates and measuring zones of inhibition.	
	4.3 Intection and response	

Spring 2	Finish 4.3 Infection and response	Specification				
		https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF				
	Plant biology					
	4.2 plant tissues and organs	Plant biology				
	4.3 plant disease	including:				
	4.4. bioenergetics	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)				
		4.3.3.1 Detection and identification of plant diseases				
		4.3.3.2 Plant defence responses				
		Required practical activity 6: investigate the effect of light intensity on the rate of photosynthesis				
		using an aquatic organism such as pondweed.				
Summer 1	4.4. Bioenergetics ctd.	Specification				
		https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF				

		4.4.2.1 Aerobic and anaerobic respiration			
		4.4.2.2 Response to exercise			
		4.4.2.3 Metabolism			
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	4.7 Ecology	4.7.2.3 Decomposition (biology only)			
		4.7.2.2 How materials are cycled			
		Required practical activity 10: investigate the effect of temperature on the rate of decay of fresh			
		milk by measuring pH change.			
Summer 2	4.7 Ecology ctd.	Specification			
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		https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF			
		4.7.2.4 Impact of environmental change (HT only)			
		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			

	4.7.5.1 Factors affecting food security 4.7.5.2 Farming techniques 4.7.5.3 Sustainable fisheries 4.7.5.4 Role of biotechnology
4.5.4 Plant hormones	4.5.4 Plant hormones Required practical activity 8: investigate the effect of light or gravity on the growth of newly germinated seedlings. Record results as both length measurements and as careful, labelled biological drawings to show the effects.

Year 11 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	4.5 Homeostasis & Response	Specification				
		https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF				
		4.5 Homeostasis & Response				
		including:				
		4.5.1 Homeostasis				
		4.5.2.1 Structure and function of human nervous system				
		4.5.2.2 The brain				
		4.5.2.4 Control of body temperature				
		4.5.3.1 Human endocrine system				
		4.5.3.2 Control of blood glucose concentration				
		4.5.3.3 Maintaining water and nitrogen balance in the body				
		4.5.3.4 Hormones in human reproduction				
		4.5.3.5 Contraception				
		4.5.3.6 The use of hormones to treat infertility (HT only)				
		4.5.3.7 Negative feedback (HT only)				

	PPE fortnight	
	PPE TORTNIGHT	Required practical activity 7: plan and carry out an investigation into the effect of a factor on human reaction time.
	4.6 Inheritance, variation and evolution	4.6.1.1 Sexual and asexual reproduction4.6.1.2 Meiosis4.6.1.3 Advantages and disadvantages of sexual and asexual reproduction (biology only)
Spring 1	4.6 Inheritance, variation and evolution	Specification https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF 4.6.1.4 DNA and the genome 4.6.1.5 DNA structure 4.6.1.7 Inherited disorders 4.6.1.8 Sex determination 4.6.3.3 The understanding of genetics 4.6.2.4 Genetic engineering 4.6.2.5 Cloning

Spring 2	4.6 Inheritance, variation and	Specification		
	evolution	https://filestore.aqa.org.uk/resources/biology/specifications/AQA-8461-SP-2016.PDF		
		4.6.2.1 Variation		
		4.6.2.2 Evolution		
		4.6.2.3 Selective breeding		
		4.6.3.1 Theory of evolution		
		4.6.3.2 Speciation		
		4.6.3.4 Evidence for evolution		
		4.6.3.5 Fossils		
		4.6.3.6 Extinction		
		4.6.3.7 Resistant bacteria		
		4.6.4 Classification of living organisms		
		4.5.2.3 The eye (taught here, as students will now have done ray diagrams in physics)		
Summer 1	Targeted revision			
	Past paper exam practice & exam			
	technique			