		Year 8	Curriculum Overview [2019-2020 Subject – Scie		
Schedule	Term	Knowledge & Understanding	Literacy Skills Building vocabulary Developing oral skills Developing reading skills Developing writing skills	Key Skills Subject Skills Numeracy Skills 21 st Century Skills Employability Skills	Assessment Formative Interim Summative
Autumn Term	Half Term 1	Biology 1: Enzymes 1. Anaerobic and aerobic respiration. 2. Enzymes 3. Enzymes how they work. 4. Enzymes and digestion 5. Factors affecting enzymes. 6. Amylase practical. 7. Digestion Chemistry 1: Periodic table 1. Intro lesson 2. Elements, compounds and mixtures 3. Structure of the atom 4. Atomic mass 5. The periodic table 6. Mendeleev 7. Group 1 8. Transition metals 9. Noble gases.	Vocabulary Extensive list of vocabulary for each topic including respiration, energy, enzyme, active site, denatured, periodic table, mixture Oral skills Presenting work on anaerobic and aerobic respiration. Team work during practical lessons on amylase, group 1 metals. Extended answers to questioning the periodic table. Reading skills Reading methods/equipment lists. Exam style questions. Pair reading. Writing skills Formulate a conclusion and evaluation. Lessons focus on extended writing skills, Osmosis, explaining the effect of temperature, pH, substrate concentration on enzyme activity,	Numeracy Calculate the rate of enzyme activity from experimental data. Calculating the atomic mass and atomic number. Calculating the number of protons, neutrons and electrons in a given atom. 21st Century Skills Taking the initiative to apply practical observations on the factors affecting enzymes to real life situations. Collaborative team work in a Practical Setting. Enhancing practical skills questioning. Use of biological catalysts in industry Employability skills IT Skills-iPad research Independent tasks. Leadership work. Link to Cultural Capital: Dalton's Atomic theory / model of the Atom	Self-evaluation Think-Pair-Share Key words and definitions — games / matching tasks Quick quizzes Quizlet Gap fills (from scheme) Whiteboard activity to enhance numeracy skills Exam-style questions — linked to practical tasks Extended answer tasks Assessment of practical skills including observation. Summative Assessment Year 8 HT1 Class Assessment Laboratory equipment, Periodic table and Enzymes.
	Half Term 2	Physics 1: Electromagnets 1. Magnetic fields 2. Electromagnets 3. Dynamos Biology 2: Animal relationships	Vocabulary Extensive list of vocabulary for each topic including magnetic field, magnet, conservation, predator, prey Oral skills Presentation on food chains and food webs. Explaining how electromagnets work. Teamwork during practical lessons on electromagnets and dynamos.	Numeracy Use plotting compasses to show the shape and direction of the field around a magnet. Data analysis Interpret data from predator-prey cycles and explain correlations. 21st Century Skills Team work to conduct the steps needed to view onion cells under a microscope.	Year 8 HT2 Linear Assessment Enzymes, atomic structure and the Periodic table. Assessment will cover units from HT1.

Spring		 Food chains & webs Relationships Predator & prey Competition/biod iversity & humans Conservation Prac Chemistry 2: Acids &	Reading skills Comprehension of texts on communicable diseases Writing skills Written plan for electromagnet practical. Vocabulary	Employability Matching appropriate relationships to their definitions. Numeracy	November 2019 Formative Assessment
Term	lle/6	Alkalis 1. Acids 2. Alkalis 3. Indicators 4. Neutralisation 5. Importance of salts 6. Preparing a soluble salt. 7. Acids and metals Physics 2: Pressure 1. Pressure in solids 2. Pressure in liquids 3. Pressure in gases 4. Floating & sinking 5. Density	Extensive list of vocabulary for each topic including acid, litmus, neutralisation, surface area, alkali, float, pressure Oral skills Team work during practical on preparing a soluble salt. Comparing indicators. Reading skills Matching key vocabulary to definitions Writing skills Working scientifically skills, plotting graphs, drawing crystallisation and filtration equipment, describing hazards and risks (crystallisation, distillation), discussion of observations. Extended answers to questioning.	Formulate chemical equations. Using the pressure triangle to calculate – pressure, area and force. 21st Century Skills Communication whilst preparing a soluble salt. Enhancing practical skills questioning Employability Analyse factors that affect states of matter. IT Skills-iPad research Assessing Hazards and Risks in practical investigations. Link to Cultural Capital: Contributions of influential government figures and scientists in the implementation of conservation programmes.	 Key words and definitions – games / matching tasks Jigsaw Traffic lights Quick quizzes Quizlet Gap fills (from scheme) Whiteboard activity to enhance numeracy skills Exam-style questions – linked to practical tasks Extended answer tasks Assessment of practical skills including observation. Summative Assessment
	Half Term 4	Biology 3: Plants and transport 1. Photosynthesis recap 2. Photosynthesis - simple core practical 3. Diffusion 4. Osmosis 5. Active transport Physics 3: Electricity 1. Series 2. Parallel 3. Resistance 4. R in series	Vocabulary Extensive list of vocabulary for each topic including stomata, chlorophyll, gas exchange, concentration gradient, series, parallel circuit Oral skills Team work during practical, discussion of observations, Extended answers to questioning Reading skills Comprehension of texts on atomic theories. Writing skills Plan/draft/edit/re-draft	Numeracy Interpretation of graphical and numerical data -Light intensity, photosynthesis and limiting factors. Working out resistance in a circuit. 21st Century Skills Critical thinking applying theatrical ideas on diffusion and osmosis to practical situations. Practical team work Employability Ordering the steps involved in the starch practical. IT Skills-iPad research	Year 8 HT3 Linear Assessment Enzymes, relationships, atomic structure, acids, electromagnets, pressure February 2020

Summer Term	Half Term 5	5. R in parallel 6. Different components. Chemistry 3: The Atmosphere 1. The early atmosphere 2. Present day 3. Global warming 4. Fossil fuels. 5. Renewable fuels 6. Assessment Biology 4: Evolution 1. Evolution 2. Theory of evolution 3. Evidence for evolution 4. Classification 5. Animals vs plants. 6. Fungi, protists and prokaryotes.	Vocabulary Extensive list of vocabulary for each topic including global warming, greenhouse gases, pollution, evolution, fungi, protist, prokaryotes Oral skills Team work during practical, discussion of observations, Extended answers to questioning Reading skills Scientific text analysed and annotated Writing skills Lessons which focus on extended writing: The evidence towards the theory of evolution.	Numeracy Interpret data on fossil fuels. 21st Century Skills Practical team work building circuits Develop and improve experimental procedures such as the Work done practical. Employability Decision on most cost-effective form of insulation. IT Skills- iPad research Link to Cultural Capital: Contributions of scientists to the theory of evolution (Lamarck, Wallace, Darwin) and why Darwin's theory was accepted	Formative Assessment Entry and exit tickets Concept maps Key words and definitions – games / matching tasks Quick quizzes Quizlet Gap fills (from scheme) Whiteboard activity to enhance numeracy skills Exam-style questions – linked to practical tasks Extended answer tasks Assessment of practical skills including observation. Summative Assessment Year 8 Science Examination
	Half Term 6	Physics 4: Waves 1. Transverse vs longitudinal 2. Electromagnetic waves 3. Uses of EM waves 4. Low Energy waves 5. High energy waves 6. Dangers of EM waves. 7. Refraction Chemistry 4: Crude oil 1. Crude oil 2. Fractions 3. Uses of fractions 4. Properties of fractions	Vocabulary Extensive list of vocabulary for each topic including radio, microwaves, ultraviolet, refraction, hydrocarbons, properties Oral skills Team work during practical, discussion of observations, Extended answers to questioning Explaining the uses of EM waves, comparing the features of transverse and longitudinal waves. Reading skills Read and evaluate key scientific theories. Writing skills Drawing refraction diagrams. Comparing the properties of fractions.	Numeracy Working out the molecular formulae for a given alkane Graph interpretation on fractions. 21st Century Skills Creativity-creating a Mnemonic on the order of the electromagnetic waves. Practical team work Employability Analyse factors that affect rates of reaction. IT Skills-iPad research Link to Cultural Capital: The fracking debate. Contributions of influential government figures and scientists in determining the viability of fracking towards our energy supply problem.	Units B1-3, C1-3, P1-2 and Scientific Skills Assessment will cover units of work in HT1 – HT4 April 2020

5. Hydrocarbons 6. Standard test. Topic 5: Mix Topic		
 The life cycle of a star Mars Lander The Skeleton Muscles Balloon car 		