

CHS Curriculum Intent

SUCCESSFUL: An education where imagination, curiosity and resilience enable us to ignite our learning.

CREATIVE: A shared belief that optimism, empathy and responsibility are the foundations for a respectful, safe and inclusive community.

HAPPY: Individuals who are ready to learn, practise being reflective, and are motivated to become champions.

SUBJECT	Science					
INTENT	The intent of the science department is to teach students that Science underpins everything.					
	At Chorlton High School we study					
	Physics to be able to understand the principles that govern all Energy and Matter in the Universe.					
	Physics gives us tools to understand nature from the scale of sub-atomic particles up to the inter-galactic scale of the universe.					
	Chemistry to be able to understand the nature of substances: how they are composed, their behaviour, and their physical and chemical					
	properties.					
	Chemistry allows us to identify unknown substances, monitor concentrations and make new chemicals. Above all, Chemistry is about finding					
	solutions to the problems that concern us and our surroundings.					
	Biology to be able to understand life and thereby understand ourselves.					

CHS Curriculum Area Framework for Learning – Year 7

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Biology allows us an understanding of the amazing complexity of many life processes and mechanisms. Biology encourages us to seek out reasons for strange, surprising and sometimes unusual observations.

Year Group	7					
Rationale/ Narrative	To learn the "big ideas" associated with Science. To develop firm foundations in Biology, Chemistry and Physics and to explore and engage pupil's curiosity of the natural world. Students will learn how to carry out and write scientifically and then explore the fundamental areas of science which include; cells, reproduction, atoms, electricity, photosynthesis and states of matter.					
	Autumn 1 - Skills	Autumn 2 – Atoms and Elements	Spring 1 – Cells and Reproduction	Spring 2 – Electricity and magnetism	Summer 1 – States of matter and separating techniques	Summer 2 – Plant structure and interdependence
Declarative What they should know?	HSW Skills Practical skills and writing scientifically Command words Repeats, means, anomalies, accuracy, errors. Variables and methods. Graphs Sample size (range, intervals and scale) Control groups.	Elements, compounds and mixtures Using the Periodic table Group 1 in the periodic table Chemical reactions Chemical Equations Structure of an atom Electron shells Atomic and mass number Reactivity of metals Investigating the reactivity of metals	Menstrual cycle Animal and Plant cells Specialised cells Movement in and out of cells Labelling and describing cell organelles Reproductive system Foetal development Fertilisation Puberty Using microscopes	Circuit Component Series and parallel circuits Conductors and insulators Measuring current and Voltage Magnetism Electromagnetism Static Resistance	States of matter (solids, liquids and gases) Conservation of matter Boiling Melting Stearic acid (latent heat investigation) Solubility Separating techniques Filtration, evaporation, condensation, distillation and chromatography	Photosynthesis Testing leaves for starch Investigating photosynthesis Food chains Food webs Predator/Prey relationships Insect pollination Leaf structure Seed dispersal Observing Stomata Ecosystems and Habitats

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Procedural What should they be able to do?	 Identifying key Scientific Equipment Learning how to keep themself and others safe in a lab Carrying out/writing up scientific equations Effectively using key terms such as anomaly, range, mean, repeats, resolution, interval, scale Understanding how to write a conclusion Explaining the findings of practical results Identifying variables Learning how to plot a line graph Learning how to plat a bar chart Choosing an appropriate scale Analysing a graph 	 Identify properties of certain elements Become familiarised with the periodic table Write word equations for the reactions including the reactions of metals and non- metals and the formation of oxides from nonmetals. Students will investigate reactions to see if they are exo or endothermic Students will investigate metals with acid to see the temperature change (reactivity) Students will heat metals with oxygen. 	 Learning how to use a microscope Memory recall – for cell parts and the reproductive system Creative writing – journey of a sperm Information retrieval on specialised cells Comparison of egg and sperm cell Modelling the menstrual cycle by creating a bracelet 	 Make predictions on whether materials are conductive or not, then testing their predictions Correctly building series and parallel circuits Investigate current in series and parallel circuits Investigate voltage in series and parallel circuits Investigate static electricity and use a Van der graff generator. Using magnets to understand the difference between repel and attract Use compasses to draw magnetic field lines Demonstrate magnetic field lines using permanent magnets and iron shaving Learn how to make an electromagnet and investigate what happens when its strength is increased or decrease 	 Learning how to annotate a graph Retrieval practice Students will carry out/write up scientific investigations: Conservation of mass Rate of evaporation Cooling curve for stearic acid Investigating solubility, melting and boiling points Evaporation and condensation Chromatography Distillation 	 Students work as a team to complete complex food webs Students will carry out/write up scientific investigations: lodine test for starch Testing rate of photosynthesis using pond weed Observe stomata using a microscope
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Disciplinary literacy (Tier 3 vocab)	SEEC: Categoric Continuous Describe Explain Conclusion Evaluation Independent Dependent	SEEC: element compound mixture reactivity exothermic endothermic	SEEC: • reproduction • specialised • adapted • fertilisation • magnification	SEEC: • state • matter • conservation • conduction • convection • evaporation • condensation	SEEC: voltage current conductor insulator attract repel	SEEC: photosynthesis pollination dispersal producer consumer
ASSESSMENTS	EOT low stakes testing - Specific focus on how to draw a line graph and a bar chart. EOT low stakes testing graph skills and HSW skills. Specific focus on variables and analysing graphs.	EOT low stakes testing - specific focus on writing a long answer question about the conservation of mass. EOT low stakes testing - Reactivity of metals with hydrochloric acid. Specific focus on data and hypothesis.	EOT low stakes testing - Specific focus on the use of models to explain ideas in science. EOT low stakes testing - specific focus on the analysis of the menstrual cycle (graph). Progress test (all knowledge content from Autumn 1 and 2).	EOT low stakes testing - Including specific focus about how to measure voltage and current in series and parallel (method with diagrams). EOT low stakes testing - Including specific focus on hypothesis and conclusions.	EOT low stakes testing - Including describing and explaining a cooling curve. Latent heat. EOT low stakes testing - Including extended writing on choosing the appropriate separating technique for separating soluble solutions and soluble salts.	EOT low stakes testing - Method for how the rate of photosynthesis is affected by the intensity of a light. Progress test (all knowledge content from Autumn, spring and summer)



HOME LEARNING	TEAMS homework's relevant to the topic being studied – four per half term	TEAMS homework's relevant to the topic being studied – four per half term	TEAMS homework's relevant to the topic being studied – four per half term	TEAMS homework's relevant to the topic being studied – four per half term	TEAMS homework's relevant to the topic being studied – four per half term	TEAMS homework's relevant to the topic being studied – four per half term
			Revision booklet relevant to the END OF TOPIC TEST.			Revision booklet relevant to the END OF TOPIC TEST.

