	Topic/Learning Pathway	Key Words	Links to previous learning	Links to wider curriculum
AUTUMN 1	Cells and Organisation cell structure and transport cell division	Cell, diffusion, osmosis, active transport, mitosis	KS1 Naming plants, basic structure of plants, Identifying animal kingdoms (birds, mammals etc) and groups (herbivore etc) KS3 Microscopy, basic cell structure, organelle function, comparing cells, diffusion,	KS4 - Maths, Summer 1 – graphs and charts
AUTUMN 2	Cells and Organisation organisation and digestion organising animals and plants	Enzyme, catalyst, digestion, circulation, gas exchange, transpiration.	KS1 Naming body parts, linking organs to senses, KS2 Breaking down food for energy, use of different teeth, function of heart/blood vessels, nutrient transport systems KS3 Cells/tissues/organs, blood production, dirt, food groups, energy requirements, digestion, plants using carbs, gas exchange,	KS4 - PE, Spring 1 – exercise and the body
SPRING 1	Disease and Bioenergetics	Communicable, pathogen, antibiotic, vaccination, antibodies, antigens	KS1 Requirements for humans- health (water, exercise, types of food, hygiene) KS2 Nutrition, changes through age in humans, impact of diet/drugs on health KS3 Drugs and health,	KS3 – PSHE, Autumn 2 – healthy eating KS3 – PSHE, Summer 1 – legal and illegal drug/sex/STIs

SPRING 2	Disease and Bioenergetics • Photosynthesis • respiration	Photosynthesis, endothermic, exothermic, respiration, aerobic, anaerobic	KS1 Plant requirements (light, water CO ₂) KS2 Plant requirements (nutrients), variation between plants and needs, life cycles seed dispersal, KS3 Photosynthesis equation, dependency of life on photosynthesis, leaf adaptations, equations for respiration, comparing respiration types, surface area to volume ratio	KS4 - Maths, Summer 1 – graphs and charts KS4 - PE, Spring 1 – exercise and the body
SUMMER 1	Biological Responses • the human nervous system	Homeostasis, neuron, central nervous system, myopia, hyperopia	KS2 Muscles, skeleton, nerves KS3 Skeleton, biomechanics	
SUMMER 2	Biological Responses • hormonal coordination	Thermoregulation, diabetes, gland, hormone	KS1 All living things have babies	KS4 - Maths, Summer 1 – graphs and charts

Year 2

The beginning of Academic year 2022/2023 will be starting off with the final section of Disease and Bioenergetics; photosynthesis and respiration. This is in place of Biological responses; homeostasis in action.

Due to the recent pandemic and missed learning, gaps in knowledge have been seen and steps have been taken to close these gaps. To do this, the original sequence of work has been amended to allow for a slower introduction of GCSE content. The teaching and learning of the GCSE has been supplemented by missed KS3 sequencing to aid the comprehension of the new KS4 content. The taught content still follows the same sequence but with additional missed content, thus slowing the pace of the pathway.

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AUTUMN 1	Biological Responses • homeostasis in action	Menstrual cycle, hormone, contraception	KS1 Organs in humans, KS2 nutrient transport	KS3 – PSHE, Summer 1 – contraception
AUTUMN 2	Genetics and reproduction • reproduction	Meiosis, asexual, genetic disorder, mutation, DNA	KS1 All living things have babies KS2 Life process/reproduction in specific animals/plants, similarities to parent KS3 Animal reproduction, plant reproduction, gestation, birth, seed dispersal, inheritance, chromosomes,	KS4 - Maths, Spring 1 – fractions, decimals and percentages. KS3 – PSHE, Autumn 2 -puberty

SPRING 1	Genetics and reproduction variation and evolution genetics and evolution	Variation, natural selection, evolution, selective breeding, genetic modification, speciation, extinction, classification	KS2 Classification, observable characteristics for classification, fossils-changes over time KS3 Inheritance, chromosomes, variation between species, adaptations	KS4 - Maths, Summer 1 – graphs and charts KS4 - Maths, Spring 1 – fractions, decimals and percentages.
SPRING 2	Ecology adaptation, interdependence and competition organising an ecosystem	Community, interdependence, ecosystem, adaptation, extremophile	KS1 Recognising living and non-living, habitats of specific animals, basic life cycles KS2 Environmental changes pose threats, adaptations for habitat/survival – evolution KS3 Feeding relationships, accumulation of toxic materials in environments, extinction, adaptation	KS3 – Nurture, Spring 1 /2 - Amazon Adventures (biodiversity, predator/prey) KS3 – Nurture, Summer 1 – The Lord of the Rings (adaptation)
SUMMER 1	Ecology organising an ecosystem biodiversity and ecosystems	Recycling, combustion, decomposition, biodiversity, pollution, greenhouse gas, biomass	KS1 Simple food chains, food sources, KS2 Predator/prey, constructing food chains, KS3 Feeding relationships, food security and pollination, maintaining biodiversity	KS3 – Art, Summer 1 /2 – our environment KS4 - Maths, Summer 1 – Graphs and charts

	Revision		
SUMMER 2	Exams		