Progression Model – Year 13 Physics

Module Title:	Module Title:	Module Title:
Further Mechanics, Fields and Thermal Physics	Fields, Nuclear physics and Astrophysics	Astrophysics and Exam Preparation
Learning Intent for this module:	Learning Intent for this module:	Learning Intent for this Module:
Students will begin year 13 by learning about periodic	Students will develop their knowledge of magnetic	In this module, students will build on their previous
motion which builds on their prior knowledge of	fields, nuclear physics and telescopes which builds on	telescope topic by completing the astrophysics option
forces. Students will go onto to apply these principles	their prior knowledge of particles, kinetic theory and	topic. They will also study surveying skies and
to gravitational and electric fields.	optics. They will go onto study magnetic fields and	cosmology allowing them to understand their place in
Students will develop their knowledge of thermal	gases, radioactivity and nuclear stability.	the universe.
which builds on their prior knowledge of matter and	Electromagnetic induction is studied after capacitance	
kinetic theory.	both developing their understanding of fields. Finally	Weeks 1-4
Weeks 1-11	they will study the many types of telescopes we can	 Surveying the skies
Further mechanics	use to observe the night skies.	 Cosmology
Gravitational fields		
Electric fields	<u>Weeks 1-11</u>	<u>Weeks 5-13</u>
Thermal Physics	Magnetic fields	External examinations
	Capacitance	
	Electromagnetic induction	
Weeks 12-13	Radioactive Decay	
Consolidation and enrichment	Nuclear Stability	
	 Telescopes 	
	Weeks 12-13	
	Consolidation and enrichment	

Key Content to be learned:	Key content to be learned:	Key Content to be learned:
In this module, students will learn about motion in a	In this module students will study magnetism and	Finally, the students get to make star measurements,
circle in which concepts such as centripetal forces and	apply this to electromagnetic induction. Likewise they	classify and understand how a star evolves. They will
acceleration. Applying these ideas to simple harmonic	will apply electric fields to capacitance studying	then develop their astrophysics knowledge further by
motion. Students learn about electric and	energy in a capacitors and the charging and	studying red shift, galaxies, quasars and the expansion
gravitational fields including potentials, potential	discharging of the capacitors. They will then move on	of the universe.
differences and potential energy. They also will	to learning about of decay and the uses of radioactive	
develop a deep understanding of thermodynamics	isotopes. To complete nuclear physics students will	
They will begin by looking at internal energy and	study energy and mass and binding energy and their	
temperature then change of state. After this they will	application in nuclear power. In the final topic of the	
apply kinetic theory to the ideal gases laws and then	module they will start the astrophysics option topic.	
investigate the experimental gas laws.	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	
Prior knowledge:	Prior knowledge:	Prior knowledge:
Year 12 Mechanics	Atomic structure	Year 12 Optics
Year 12 Electricity	Particle physics	KS4 Space
KS4 Static Electricity	, ,	
KS4 Kinetic theory of gases		
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Key tasks for this module:	Key tasks for this module:	Key tasks for this module:
Further Mechanics	Radioactive Decay	Telescopes
Measurements and their Errors	Nuclear Stability	Astrophysics
• Fields	Capacitance	External examinations
Thermal Physics	EM Induction	
1	Mock exam	