Science 2020/21 Mr. Brighton (Subject Leader) Mrs. McLaughlin (Second in Department) Miss Wicks (KS3 Co-Ordinator)



Expectations of students in EVERY lesson:

- 1. High Five (pen, pencil, rubber, ruler, sharpener and spares!) ready to use EVERY lesson
- 2. Correct Uniform must be worn at all times
- *3. Sit in allocated seat*



- 4. Register conducted in silence, answered 'Yes/Here Miss/Sir'
- 5. No mobile phones (ensure students have a proper scientific calculator)
- 6. No eating <u>EVER</u>, or drinking without permission
- 7. Wipe down work area and **ALL** equipment used at the end of each lesson
- 8. Orderly dismissal (standing behind seats with masks on)

Moving around school

Students must follow the one way system and wear their mask at all times

- Year 11: HART staircase
- Year 10: front stair case near the student entrance
- Year 8 & 9: middle back staircase
- Years 7: back corner staircase



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Areas of Study				
Topic Biology 1	Areas of Study Cells, specialised cells, microscopes and reproduction	The Bigger Picture Cells are the building blocks of life. All organisms are built up of cells and some are specialised to carry out their functions		
Chemistry 1	Particles, changes of state and the properties of different states of matter. Separating mixtures	Particles make up everything around us and even you! The work is full of mixtures from a packet of smarties to crude oil.		
Physics 1	Forces, non-contact and contact forces, balanced and unbalanced forces	Forces cannot be seen but the effect of forces can. Forces explain the movement of objects		
Biology 2	Ecosystems, plants and photosynthesis	Without plants and photosynthesis there would be no life on Earth!		
Chemistry 2	Acids, alkalis, the pH scale, neutralisation and making salts	Have you ever wondered why placing vinegar on a wasp sting eases the pain?		
Physics 2	Electricity, series and parallel circuits, circuit symbols, voltage and current	Electricity is pivotal to modern life Why do we have different circuit types?		
 How will I be assessed? Every topic has an open book mid-point assessment. The assessment includes multiple choice questions and open-ended questions where you will be expected to apply your knowledge. At the end of every topic there is a closed book exam. The exam will test all elements of the studied topic. 				

Learning Guide

Students are issued with learning guides at the start of the year to tell them about:

- What topics will be studied this year
- Why students are studying the selected topics
 - How students will be assessed?

What will students study?

YEAR 7						
Biology	Chemistry	Physics				
Cells and Reproduction	Particles	Forces				
Ecosystems and Plants	Acids and Alkalis	Electricity				
Scientific Skills						

YEAR 8						
Biology	Chemistry	Physics				
Microbes and Disease	Elements	Energy				
Organ Systems	Chemical Reactions Space and Wave					
Scientific Skills						

What will students study?

- Every unit of work at KS3 generally consists of approx. 10 lessons
- This will include content lessons (theory and practical based), a revision lesson and 2 assessment lessons
- The mid topic assessment is completed in exam conditions, but students may use their books to help
- The end of unit assessment is a traditional style test, also completed in exam conditions
- Following an assessment, students will be provided with an opportunity to reflect and improve their work using teacher feedback

Example learning journey for a topic studied: States of Matter Changes of State **BP/MP** Practical Chemical vs. Physical Changes **Mid Topic Assessment** Elements, Compounds & Mixtures **Pure/Impure Practical Separation Techniques Filtration Practical Evaporation Practical Distillation Practical** Chromatography Practical Revision **End of Unit Assessment**

How will students be assessed?

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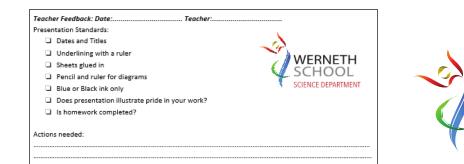
Year 7 Biology 1 - Cells & Reproduction

Mid-Point Assessment - To be completed in test conditions but you may use your books. Your teacher will provide feedback, which you will then use to improve your answers.

Multiple Choice Questions: To be completed on the sheet, circle one answer per question. 1.Which structure is found only in a plant cell?						
a)Nucleus	b)Chloroplast	c)Cell membrane	d)Cytoplasm			
2.What is an adaptation	of a muscle cell?					
a)Many mitochondria	b)No nucleus	c)A tail	d)Large surface area			
3.What do you use to make the image clearer on a microscope?						
a)Eyepiece	b)Objective Lens	c)Coarse Focus	d)Fine focus			
4. Which of the following cells is the odd one out?						
a)Animal	b)Plant	c)Prokaryotic	d)Eukaryotic			
5.Mitosis produces cells	that are?					
a)Identical	b)Similar	c)Completely Different	d)Random			

Extended Writing: To be completed in your book on the opposite page

- Describe the similarities and differences between animal and plant cells. Explain why some structures are only present in one type of cell.
- Describe the steps you should take to prepare an onion slide for viewing and how to set up the microscope.
- 3. Name a specialised cell and explain how it is adapted to its function.
- 4. Describe how new cells are made by mitosis. Explain why it is an important process.



• Mid Unit assessments are made up of 5 multiple

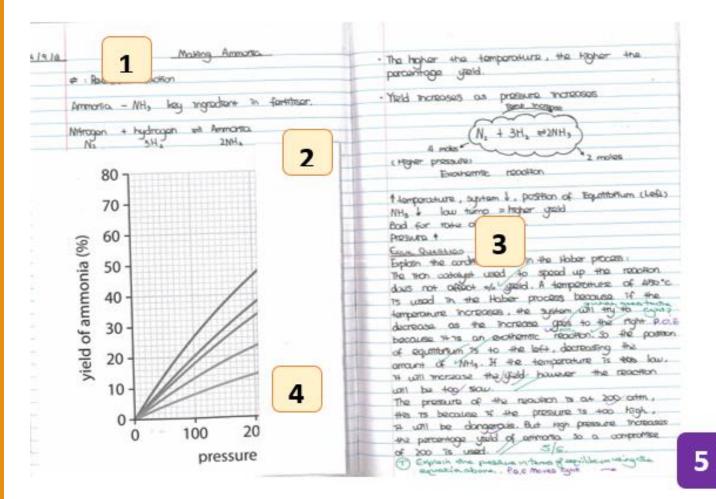
choice questions, and 4 extended writing tasks

Presentation of Work

- All students are expected to show pride in the way they present their classwork
- Dates and titles should be clear and underlined to show the learning journey
- Worksheets should be glued in
- Mistakes should be carefully erased/crossed out
- There should be no graffiti on classwork or homework



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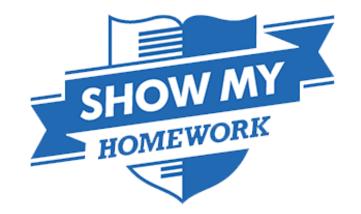
- Dates and titles written and underlined
- 2. Worksheets complete and glued in
- Subheadings used where appropriate
- Notes in blue/black ink and diagrams in pencil
- Student improvements based on teacher marking

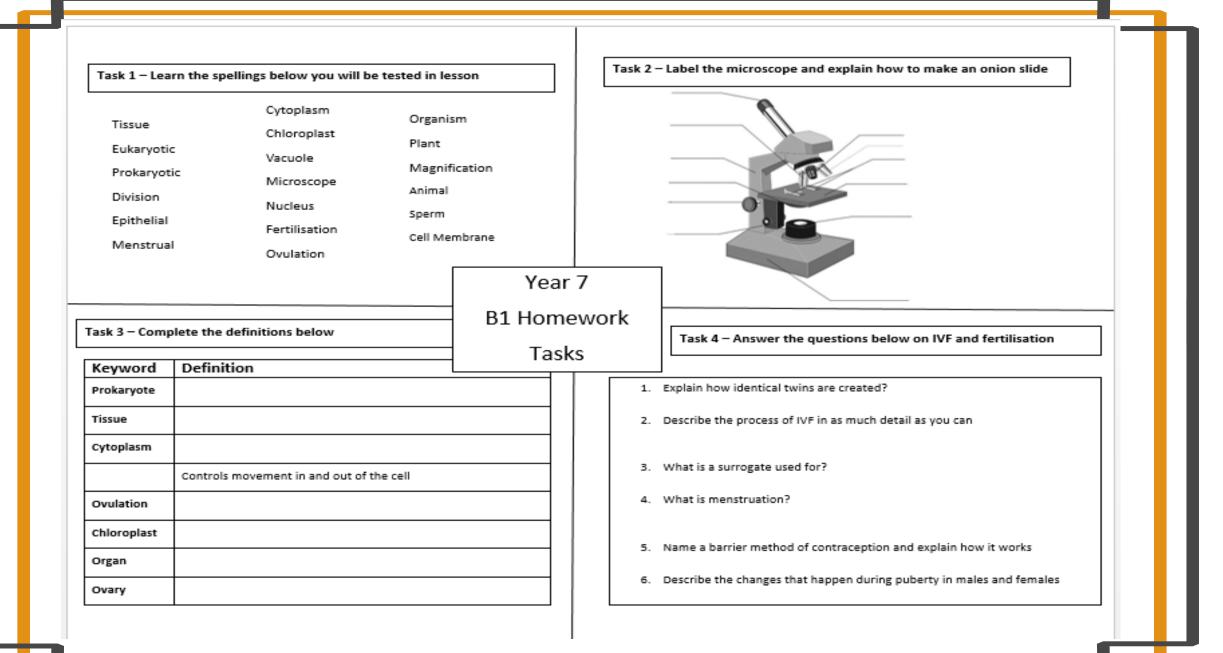
Homework

- Students are expected to complete their daily goals on Tassomai each week. Teachers may set additional tasks if appropriate.
- Each topic studied also has a standard departmental revision task to be completed at home before the final assessment.











Tassomai is an intelligent learning program (app AND website) that helps students achieve outstanding results.

Tassomai uses multiple choice style micro-quizzes to build knowledge, boost confidence and reduce exam stress.

Students should have set up their account in lessons. Passwords can be reset by emailing the class teacher. <u>https://www.tassomai.com/</u>

<u>Rewards</u>

- KS3 unit certificates
- Scientist of the week
- Praise postcards
- Positive phone calls
- Rewards events
 - Cake @ break
 - School trips (when restrictions allow)





How do students get rewarded?

All nominations will be made by the class teacher... they will be looking for;

- An excellent attitude to learning
- Well presented class and homework
- Good effort and progress
- A willingness to go the 'extra mile'
- Regularly achieve Tassomai goals and complete all homework



Pathways

Students will begin studying for their GCSE's in year 9

Science is a core subject

Triple Science is offered as an option for students who;

- Show a good attitude to learning throughout KS3
- Wish to pursue a career in Science and or Technology
- Wish to study Science at A-Level

Students who study core Science receive two GCSE's (but still study Biology, Chemistry and Physics - usually with two teachers)

Triple Science students receive three GCSE's (Biol, Chem , Phys) and are taught by individual subject specialists in year 10 and 11

Revision Guides

CGP Key Stage 3 combined revision and work book

Revision of all key topic areas Practice exam questions

£5.60 order through parent pay or main office



Please don't hesitate to contact us if you still have any questions:

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