

## KS5 Curriculum Map – Physics:

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Substantive Knowledge</b>  This is the specific, factual content for the topic, which should be connected into a careful sequence of learning.	<b>Disciplinary Knowledge (Skills)</b>  This is the action taken within a particular topic in order to gain substantive knowledge.	<b>Assessment Opportunities</b>  What assessments will be used to measure student progress?
Matter and radiation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• List the components of an atom</li> <li>• Describe what happens when an unstable nucleus emits an alpha particle or a beta minus particle</li> <li>• Recall what is meant by a photon.</li> <li>• Calculate the energy of a photon.</li> <li>• Define antimatter.</li> <li>• Describe what happens when a particle and its antiparticle meet.</li> <li>• Describe what is meant by an interaction.</li> <li>• Name different types of interaction.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain why some nuclei are stable and others unstable.</li> <li>• Estimate how many photons a light source emits every second.</li> <li>• Discuss whether anti-atoms are possible.</li> <li>• Explain what makes charged particles attract or repel each other.</li> <li>• Construct or complete Simple diagrams to represent the above reactions or interactions in terms of incoming and outgoing particles and exchange particles.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled Homework</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>

<p>Quarks and leptons</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State whether we can predict new particles.</li> <li>• Describe strange particles.</li> <li>• Recognise hadrons.</li> <li>• Recognise leptons.</li> <li>• Distinguish between different types of neutrinos.</li> <li>• Define strange particles.</li> <li>• Define quarks and explain how we know they exist.</li> <li>• State the conservation rules for particle interactions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain how we can find new particles.</li> <li>• Identify different classifications of particles.</li> <li>• Consider whether leptons are elementary.</li> <li>• Evaluate the importance of lepton numbers.</li> <li>• Explain the quark changes that happen in beta decay</li> <li>• Explain why it could be said that there are no antimessons.</li> <li>• Explain what is sometimes conserved.</li> <li>• Explain what is never conserved.</li> <li>• Use conservation rules to identify possible and impossible interactions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled Homework</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
<p>Quantum phenomena</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define a photon.</li> <li>• Discuss how the photon model was established.</li> <li>• Define a quantum.</li> <li>• Photoelectric equation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>hf = \phi + E_{Kmax}</math>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Explain what is meant by ionisation of an atom.</li> <li>• Explain what is meant by excitation of an atom.</li> <li>• Explain what energy levels are.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the photoelectric effect.</li> <li>• Explain why Einstein's photon model was revolutionary.</li> <li>• Explain why an electron can't absorb several photons to escape from a metal.</li> <li>• <math>E_{Kmax}</math> is the maximum kinetic energy of the photoelectrons.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled Homework</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain what happens when atoms de-excite.</li> <li>• Define a line spectrum.</li> <li>• .             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>hf = E_1 - E_2</math></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Explain why we say photons have a dual nature.</li> <li>• Describe how we know that matter particles have a dual nature.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use the photoelectric experiment graph to determine and threshold frequency.</li> <li>• Explain how a fluorescent tube works.</li> <li>• Explain why atoms emit characteristic line spectra</li> <li>• Calculate the wavelength of light for a given electron transition.</li> <li>• Discuss why we can change the wavelength of a matter particle but not that of a photon.</li> <li>• Use the De Broglie equation to determine momentum of photons and velocity of electron waves.</li> </ul>	
Waves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain the differences between transverse and longitudinal waves.</li> <li>• Define a plane-polarised wave.</li> <li>• Explain what is meant by the amplitude of a wave.</li> <li>• Explain what is meant by the wavelength of a wave.</li> <li>• Calculate the frequency of a wave from its period.</li> <li>• Explain what we mean by diffraction.</li> <li>• Describe the necessary condition for the formation of a stationary wave.</li> <li>• Explain why nodes are formed in fixed positions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe a physics test that can distinguish transverse waves from longitudinal waves.</li> <li>• Explain what causes waves to refract when they pass across a boundary.</li> <li>• Demonstrate the direction light waves bend when they travel out of glass and into air</li> <li>• Explain what we mean by diffraction.</li> <li>• Deduce whether a stationary wave is formed by superposition.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled Homework</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe the simplest possible stationary wave pattern that can be formed.</li> <li>Compare the frequencies of higher harmonics with the first harmonic frequency.</li> <li> <math display="block">c = f\lambda \text{ and } f = \frac{1}{2L} \sqrt{\frac{T}{\mu}}</math> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain what condition must be satisfied at both ends of the string.</li> <li>Describe how an oscilloscope can be used.</li> <li>Interpret waveforms on an oscilloscope to give peak voltage and wavelength.</li> <li>'4.7 Practical: Speed of sound'</li> </ul>	
Optics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain what we mean by rays.</li> <li>State Snell's law.</li> <li>Explain what happens to the speed of light waves when they enter a material such as water.</li> <li>Relate refractive index to the speed of light waves.</li> <li>State the conditions for total internal reflection.</li> <li> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <math display="block">n_1 \sin \vartheta_1 = n_2 \sin \vartheta_2.</math> </li> <li>Total internal reflection <math>\sin \vartheta_c = \frac{n_2}{n_1}</math>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Path difference. Coherence.</li> <li>Interference using a laser as a source of monochromatic light.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comment on whether refraction is different for a light ray travelling from a transparent substance into air.</li> <li>Simple treatment of fibre optics including the function of the cladding.</li> <li>Explain why a glass prism splits white light into the colours of a spectrum.</li> <li>Relate the critical angle to refractive index.</li> <li>Explain why diamonds sparkle</li> <li>5.3 Practical</li> <li>Explain why slits, rather than two separate light sources, are used in Young's double slit experiment.</li> <li>Describe the roles of diffraction and interference when producing Young's fringes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple choice test</li> <li>Controlled Homework</li> <li>Required practical assessments</li> <li>Mini Formative tests</li> <li>Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fringe spacing</li> <li>• <math display="block">w = \frac{\lambda D}{s}</math></li> <li>• State the general condition for the formation of a bright fringe.</li> <li>• Describe the Young's double slit experiment.</li> <li>• Describe which factors could be (i) increased or (ii) decreased, to increase the fringe spacing.</li> <li>• Identify coherent sources.</li> <li>• Derivation of</li> <li>• <math>d \sin \theta = n \lambda</math>.</li> <li>• Applications of diffraction gratings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical – finding the wavelength by double slit diffraction.</li> <li>• Explain why diffraction of light is important in the design of optical instruments.</li> <li>• Compare the single slit diffraction pattern with the pattern of Young's fringes.</li> <li>• Describe and explain the effect of the single slit pattern on the brightness of Young's fringes.</li> <li>• Explain why a diffraction grating diffracts monochromatic light in certain directions only.</li> </ul>	
<p>Forces in equilibrium</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define a vector quantity.</li> <li>• Describe how we represent vectors.</li> <li>• Demonstrate when two (or more) forces have no overall effect on a point object.</li> <li>• Explain the parallelogram of forces.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain how we add and resolve vectors</li> <li>• Explain why we have to consider the direction in which a force acts.</li> <li>• Explain how the turning effect of a given force can be increased.</li> <li>• Assess when a tilted object will topple over.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled Homework</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Resolution of vectors into two components at right angles to each other. Examples include components of forces along and perpendicular to an inclined plane.</li> <li>• Describe the conditions under which a force produces a turning effect.</li> <li>• Explain what is required to balance a force that produces a turning effect.</li> <li>• Explain why the centre of mass is an important idea.</li> <li>• Describe the support force on a pivoted body.</li> <li>• When a body in equilibrium is supported at two places, state how much force is exerted on each support.</li> <li>• Explain what is meant by a couple.</li> <li>• Explain the difference between stable and unstable equilibrium.</li> <li>• Explain what condition must apply to the forces on an object in equilibrium.</li> <li>• Explain what condition must apply to the turning effects of the forces.</li> <li>• State the important principles that always apply to a body in equilibrium.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain why a vehicle is more stable when its centre of mass is lower.</li> <li>• Numerous calculations and problems are used here to develop and assess students' technique and understanding.</li> <li>• Describe how we can apply these conditions to deduce the forces acting on a body in equilibrium, create equations describing the relationships between the forces acting on static bodies and solve these for unknown forces and distances where needed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
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<p>On the move</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> <li>• Displacement, speed, velocity, acceleration.</li> <li>• Explain why uniform acceleration is a special case.</li> <li>• Explain why acceleration is considered a vector <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>v = \frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t}</math></li> <li>• <math>a = \frac{\Delta v}{\Delta t}</math></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Calculations include average and instantaneous speeds and velocities.</li>   <li>• Equations for uniform acceleration:</li> <li>• Acceleration due to gravity, <math>g</math>.</li> <li>• Distinguish between <math>u</math> and <math>v</math>.</li>   <li>• Calculate the displacement of an object moving with uniform acceleration.</li>   <li>• Define 'free fall'.</li> <li>• Explain how the velocity of a freely falling object changes as it falls.</li>   <li>• Distinguish between a distance–time graph and a displacement–time graph.</li>   <li>• Describe what the gradient of a velocity–time graph represents.</li>   <li>• Describe what the area under a velocity–time graph represents.</li>   <li>• Explain how we use signs to work out if an object is moving forwards or backwards.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain what else we need to know to calculate the acceleration of an object if we know its displacement in a given time.</li>   <li>• Discuss if objects of different masses or sizes all fall with the same acceleration.</li>   <li>• Calculate the motion of an object with constant acceleration if its velocity reverses.</li>   <li>• Deduce whether the overall motion should be broken down into stages.</li>   <li>• Application of the Suvat equations to a large number of typical situations.</li>   <li>• Numerous calculations and problems are used here to develop and assess students' technique and understanding.</li> <li>• Practical to determine <math>g</math> by measuring the motion of a free-falling object.</li>   <li>• Describe what would happen to the motion of a projectile if we could switch gravity off.</li>   <li>• Describe where we meet projectile motion.</li>   <li>• Explain the path of a projectile. With no drag</li>   <li>• Describe how projectile motion is affected by the air it passes through.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li>   <li>• Controlled Homework</li>   <li>• Required practical assessments</li>   <li>• Mini Formative tests</li>   <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
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Newton's laws of motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Describe what effect a resultant force produces.</li> <li>Describe what would happen to a body that was already in motion if there was no resultant force acting on it.</li> <li>.</li> <li>Apply <math>F = m a</math> when the forces on an object are in opposite directions.</li> <li>Describe any situations in which <math>F = m a</math> cannot be applied.</li> <li>Explain what we mean by a drag force.</li> <li>Explain what determines the terminal speed of a falling object or a vehicle.</li> <li>Distinguish between braking distance and stopping distance.</li> <li>Describe how road conditions affect these distances.</li> <li>Explain what should be increased to give a smaller deceleration from a given speed.</li> <li>State which design features attempt to achieve this in a modern vehicle.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explain how weight is different from mass</li> <li>Explain why you experience less support as an ascending lift stops.</li> <li>Explain why the speed of an object moving through a viscous fluid reaches a maximum when a driving force is still acting.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple choice test</li> <li>Controlled Homework</li> <li>Required practical assessments</li> <li>Mini Formative tests</li> <li>Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>



<p style="text-align: center;">Force and momentum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>momentum</i> = <i>mass</i> × <i>velocity</i>.</li> <li>• Force as the rate of change of momentum, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>F = \frac{\Delta(mv)}{\Delta t}</math>.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Impulse = change in momentum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>F \Delta t = \Delta(mv)</math>, where <math>F</math> is constant.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Significance of the area under a force–time graph.</li> <li>• Quantitative questions may be set on forces that vary with time. Impact forces are related to contact times (e.g., kicking a football, crumple zones, packaging).</li> <li>• Conservation of linear momentum</li> <li>• Distinguish between an elastic collision and an inelastic collision.</li> <li>• Describe what is conserved in a perfectly elastic collision.</li> <li>• Discuss whether any real collisions are ever perfectly elastic.</li> <li>• State what can always be said about the total momentum of a system that has exploded.</li> <li>• Describe the consequences when, after the explosion, only two bodies move apart.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe what happens to the momentum of a ball when it bounces off a wall.</li> <li>• Principle applied quantitatively to problems in one dimension.</li> <li>• Elastic and inelastic collisions; explosions.</li> <li>• Appreciation of momentum conservation issues in the context of ethical transport design.</li> <li>• 9.3 Practical: Testing conservation of momentum'</li> <li>• Analysis of force-time graphs.</li> <li>• Describe the energy changes that take place in an explosion.</li> <li>• Use conservation of momentum in calculations about collisions and explosions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled Homework</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
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<p>Work, energy and power</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Define energy and describe how we measure it.</li> <li>• .</li> <li>• Define work (in the scientific sense).</li> <li>• <math>W = F s \cos \theta</math>.</li> <li>• Principle of conservation of energy.</li> <li>• <math>\Delta E_p = m g \Delta h</math></li> <li>• and</li> <li>• <math>E_k = \frac{1}{2} m v^2</math></li> <li>• rate of doing work = rate of energy transfer, <math>P = F v</math>.</li> <li>• Significance of the area under a force–displacement graph.</li> <li>• <math>efficiency = \frac{useful\ output\ power}{output\ power}</math> .</li> <li>• Efficiency can be expressed as a percentage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss whether energy ever disappears</li> <li>• Quantitative questions may be set on variable forces</li> <li>• Quantitative and qualitative application of energy conservation to examples involving gravitational potential energy, kinetic energy, and work done against resistive forces.</li> <li>• 10.2 Practical: Investigating the gravitational potential energy of a table tennis ball'</li> <li>• Exercises to identify and calculate the power of energy transfers and the efficiency of machines and processes.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled Homework</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
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<p>Materials</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Density, <math>\rho = \frac{m}{V}</math>.</li> <li>Hooke's law, elastic limit, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>F = k \Delta L</math>,</li> </ul> </li> <li><math>k</math> as stiffness and spring constant.</li> <li>Spring energy transformed to kinetic and gravitational potential energy.</li> <li>Tensile strain and tensile stress.</li> <li>Elastic strain energy, breaking stress, <i>energy stored</i> = <math>\frac{1}{2} F \Delta L = \text{area under force-extension graph}</math>.</li> <li>Description of plastic behaviour, fracture, and brittle behaviour linked to force-extension graphs.</li> <li>Quantitative and qualitative application of energy conservation to examples involving elastic strain energy and energy to deform.</li> <li>Appreciation of energy conservation issues in the context of ethical transport design.</li> <li><math>\text{Young modulus} = \frac{\text{tensile stress}}{\text{tensile strain}} = \frac{FL}{A\Delta L}</math></li> <li>Use of stress-strain graphs to find the Young modulus.</li> <li>(One simple method of measurement is required.)</li> <li>'both involves aspects of:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Measure the density of an object.</li> <li>Discuss whether there is any limit to the linear graph of force against extension for a spring.</li> <li>Define the spring constant and state its unit of measurement.</li> <li>If the extension of a spring is doubled, calculate how much more energy it stores.</li> <li>11.2 Practical: Investigating springs</li> <li>Make calculations of the effective spring constant of a 'network' of linked springs.</li> <li>Interpretation of stress-strain curves</li> <li>11.3 Practical: Determining the Young modulus' and 11.4 Practical: Deforming strawberry laces'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple choice test</li> <li>Controlled Homework</li> <li>Required practical assessments</li> <li>Mini Formative tests</li> <li>Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
<p>Electric current</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electric current as the rate of flow of charge; potential difference as work done per unit charge. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>I = \frac{\Delta Q}{\Delta t}</math></li> </ul> </li> <li>Energy and power equations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>E = I V t</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculate the charge flow in a circuit.</li> <li>Calculate electrical power.</li> <li>Explain how energy transfers take place in electrical devices</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple choice test</li> <li>Controlled Homework</li> <li>Required practical assessments</li> <li>Mini Formative tests</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>P = IV</math></li> <li>• <math>V = \frac{W}{Q}</math></li> <li>• Resistance defined as</li> <li>• <math>R = \frac{V}{I}</math>.</li> <li>• Ohm's law as a special case where <math>I \propto V</math> under constant physical conditions 3.5.1.3</li> <li>• Resistivity, <math>\rho = \frac{RA}{L}</math>.</li> <li>• Superconductivity</li> <li>• Applications of superconductors</li> <li>• Current–voltage characteristics for an ohmic conductor, semiconductor diode, and filament lamp.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe what causes electrical resistance.</li> <li>• Discuss when Ohm's law can be used.</li> <li>• Explain what a superconductor is.</li> <li>• Make calculations relating power current pd time resistance and energy.</li> <li>• 12 Support: Electricity</li> <li>• 12.3 Support: Resistance and resistivity</li> <li>• 12.3 Practical: Investigating resistivity</li> <li>• 12.4 Practical: <math>I</math>–<math>V</math> characteristics</li> <li>• 12.4 Practical: Characteristics of light-emitting diodes</li> <li>• 12.4 Practical: Investigating the characteristics of a thermistor</li> <li>• 13 Revision podcast: Electric current</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
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DC circuits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy and power equations:</li> <li>• <math>P = I^2 R = \frac{V^2}{R}</math>.</li> <li>• State the rules for series and parallel circuits.</li> <li>• and the principles behind these rules.</li> <li>• Calculate resistances in series and in parallel.</li> <li>• Define resistance heating.</li> <li>• The relationships between currents, voltages, and resistances in series and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 13.4 Practical: Conservation of energy in a circuit</li> <li>• Describe how we use the rules in circuits.</li> <li>• Calculate the current and pds for each component in a circuit.</li> <li>• 13.2 Practical: Investigating resistors</li> <li>• 13 Support: Direct current circuits</li> </ul>	
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parallel circuits, including cells in series and identical cells in parallel. Conservation of charge and conservation of energy in dc circuits.

- $\varepsilon = \frac{E}{Q}, \varepsilon = I(R + r).$

- Terminal pd; emf.

- Explain why the pd of a battery (or cell) in use is less than its emf.

- Measure the internal resistance of a battery.

- Describe how much power is wasted in a battery.

- 13.3 Practical: Internal resistance and electromotive force

- 13.3 Calculation sheet: Emf and pd

- 13 Support: Cells, electromotive force, and internal resistance

- 13.4 Practical: Investigating cell combinations

- Calculate currents in circuits with:

- resistors in series and parallel

- more than one cell

- diodes in the circuit.

- Describe a potential divider.

- Multiple choice test

- Controlled Homework

- Required practical assessments

- Mini Formative tests

- Summative end of unit tests

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain how we can supply a variable pd from a battery.</li> <li>• Explain how we can design sensor circuits.</li> <li>• 13 Stretch and challenge teacher sheet: Direct current circuits</li> <li>• 13.5 Calculation sheet: Potential dividers</li> <li>• 13.5 Practical: Application of potential dividers and sensor circuits</li> </ul>	
Motion in a Circle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uniform Circular motion</li> <li>• Magnitude of angular speed</li> <li>• Radian measure of angle</li> <li>• Motion in a circular path at constant speed implies there is an acceleration and requires a centripetal force</li> <li>• Centripetal acceleration</li> <li>• Centripetal force</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognise uniform motion in a circle</li> <li>• Describing what you need to measure to find the speed of an object moving in uniform circular motion</li> <li>• Defining angular displacement and angular speed Explain why velocity is not constant when an object is travelling uniformly in a circle</li> <li>• Determining the direction of the acceleration</li> <li>• Calculating the centripetal force</li> <li>• Describing scenarios where centripetal acceleration is experienced</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
Applications of Simple Harmonic Motion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis of characteristics of simple harmonic motion (SHM).</li> <li>• Condition for SHM: <math>a \propto -x</math></li> <li>• Defining equation: <math>a = -\omega^2x</math></li> <li>• Graphical representations linking the variations of <math>x</math>, <math>v</math> and <math>a</math> with time.</li> <li>• Appreciation that the <math>v - t</math> graph is derived from the gradient of the <math>x - t</math> graph and that the <math>a - t</math> graph is derived from the gradient of the <math>v - t</math> graph Relevant formula</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describing the phase difference between two oscillators that are out of step.</li> <li>• Stating the two fundamental conditions about acceleration that apply to simple harmonic motion</li> <li>• Describing how displacement, velocity, and acceleration vary with time</li> <li>• Calculating the velocity for a given displacement. Stating the circumstances in which resonance occurs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy and simple harmonic motion</li> <li>• Effects of damping on oscillations.</li> <li>• Qualitative treatment of free and forced vibrations.</li> <li>• Resonance and the effects of damping on the sharpness of resonance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distinguishing between free vibrations and forced vibrations</li> <li>• Explaining why a resonant system reaches a maximum amplitude of vibration</li> </ul>	
Gravitational fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gravity as a universal attractive force acting between all matter.</li> <li>• Magnitude of force between point masses: Newton's Formula</li> <li>• Representation of a gravitational field by gravitational field lines.</li> <li>• Escape velocity.</li> <li>• Use of satellites in low orbits and geostationary orbits, to include plane and radius of geostationary orbit.</li> <li>• Orbital period and speed related to radius of circular orbit; derivation of <math>T^2 \propto r^3</math></li> <li>• Energy considerations for an orbiting satellite.</li> <li>• Total energy of an orbiting satellite.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describing how gravitational attraction varies with distance</li> <li>• Explaining what is meant by an inverse-square law</li> <li>• Discussing whether spherical objects, for example planets, can be treated as point masses</li> <li>• Describing the shape of a graph of <math>g</math> against <math>r</math> for points outside the surface of a planet</li> <li>• Comparing this graph with the graph of <math>V</math> against <math>r</math></li> <li>• Explaining the significance of the gradient of the <math>V</math>-<math>r</math> graph • State the condition needed for a satellite to be in a stable orbit</li> <li>• Describing what happens to the speed of a satellite if it moves closer to the Earth</li> <li>• Discussing why a geostationary satellite must be in an orbit above the equator.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Controlled questions</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
Electric fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Representation of electric fields by electric field lines</li> <li>• Electric field strength as force per unit charge with a knowledge of associated formulae</li> <li>• Understanding of definition of absolute electric potential, including zero value at infinity, and of electric potential difference.</li> <li>• Work done in moving charge <math>Q</math> given by <math>\Delta W = Q \Delta V</math> Equipotential surfaces.</li> <li>• No work done moving charge along an equipotential surface.</li> <li>• Coulomb's law</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describing what the direction of an electric field line shows concerning a test charge</li> <li>• Illustrating the strength of an electric field by using field lines.</li> <li>• Explaining why potential is defined in terms of the work done per unit + charge</li> <li>• Calculating the electric potential difference between two points</li> <li>• Describing how to find the change in electric potential energy from <math>pd</math></li> <li>• Explaining why potential (and <math>pd</math>) is measured in <math>V</math>.</li> <li>• Calculations using Coulomb's formulae</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Similarities and differences between gravitational and electrostatic forces:</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stating the similarities and the principal differences between electric and gravitational fields</li> </ul>	
Capacitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definition of capacitance</li> <li>Interpretation of the area under a graph of charge against pd</li> <li>Time constants including their determination from graphical data.</li> <li>Quantitative treatment of capacitor</li> <li>Dielectric action in a capacitor</li> <li>Relative permittivity and dielectric constant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relating the potential difference (pd) across the plates of a capacitor to the charge on its plate</li> <li>Discussing what capacitors are used for.</li> <li>Describing the form of energy that is stored by a capacitor</li> <li>Calculation of time constants including their determination from graphical data.</li> <li>Defining the time constant of a capacitor-resistor circuit.</li> <li>Defining relative permittivity and dielectric constant</li> <li>Describing the action of a simple polar molecule rotating in an electric field</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple choice test</li> <li>Required practical assessments</li> <li>Mini Formative tests</li> <li>Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
Magnetic fields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The factors that the magnitude of the force on a current-carrying wire depends on.</li> <li>What happens to charged particles in a magnetic field</li> <li>What happens to the direction of the magnetic force when electrons are deflected by a magnetic field?</li> <li>Why the moving charges move in a path that is circular</li> <li>The factors that affect the radius of the circular path.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Calculations for various scenarios for charges moving in electric and magnetic fields</li> <li>Describing what happens to the direction of the magnetic force when electrons are deflected by a magnetic field</li> <li>Explaining why the moving charges move in a path that is circular</li> <li>Stating the factors that affect the radius of the circular path</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Multiple choice test</li> <li>Required practical assessments</li> <li>Mini Formative tests</li> <li>Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>



Electromagnetic induction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The laws of electromagnetic induction</li> <li>• Principles of the alternating current generator</li> <li>• Alternating current and power both numerical and qualitative analysis</li> <li>• Elements and function of Transformers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stating the factors that would cause the induced emf to be greater</li> <li>• Calculations using Faraday's law</li> <li>• Using Lenz's law to explain induction phenomena</li> <li>• Explaining what is meant by the rms value of an alternating current</li> <li>• Calculating the power supplied by an alternating current.</li> <li>• the energy changes that take place in a transformer</li> <li>• Discussing how the efficiency of transformers is improved by better design.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
Thermal Physics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internal energy is the sum of the randomly distributed kinetic energies and potential energies of the particles in a body and a varies with work done</li> <li>• Concept of absolute zero of temperature.</li> <li>• Specific Heat capacity and Specific latent Heat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining internal energy</li> <li>• Stating the lowest temperature that is possible</li> <li>• Complete calculations using appropriate thermal equations for latent heat and specific heat capacity.</li> <li>• and stating the experimental gas laws</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Controlled questions</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
Gases	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gas laws as experimental relationships between p, V, T and the mass of the gas.</li> <li>• Ideal gas equation its' derivation and application</li> <li>• Molar mass and molecular mass</li> <li>• Avogadro constant <math>N_A</math>, molar gas constant R, Boltzmann constant k</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calculating the increase of the pressure of a gas when it is heated or compressed</li> <li>• Calculating the work done in an isobaric process.</li> <li>• Calculating the increase of the pressure of a gas when it is heated or compressed</li> <li>• Derive the ideal gas equation</li> <li>• Stating what is meant by an isothermal change.</li> <li>• Calculating the work done in an isobaric process</li> <li>• Use data to calculate the value of absolute zero</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Controlled questions</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>

Radioactivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rutherford's experiment</li> <li>• Properties of alpha, beta &amp; gamma</li> <li>• Dangers of radioactive decay</li> <li>• Radioactive decay</li> <li>• Usages of Radioactive isotopes</li> <li>• Nuclear decay modes</li> <li>• Nuclear radii and how to determine them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describing how the nucleus was discovered</li> <li>• Describing the properties of alpha, beta, and gamma radiation and their comparable dangers</li> <li>• Describing how the intensity of gamma radiation changes as it spreads out</li> <li>• Explaining how to represent the change in a nucleus when it emits alpha, beta, or gamma radiation.</li> <li>• Complete calculations using Nuclear Formulae</li> <li>• Describing how to do radioactive dating and complete appropriate calculations</li> <li>• Describe methods for ascertaining nuclear radii and completing calculations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Required practical assessments</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
Nuclear Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy and mass</li> <li>• Binding Energy</li> <li>• Fission and Fusion</li> <li>• Thermal nuclear reactors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describing what happens to the mass of an object when it gains or loses energy</li> <li>• Calculating the energy released in a nuclear reaction.</li> <li>• Calculating how much energy is released in a fission or fusion reaction</li> <li>• Explaining how nuclear reactor works</li> <li>• Describing a thermal nuclear reactor</li> <li>• Explaining how a nuclear reactor is controlled.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled questions</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
Special Relativity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absolute motion and the ether</li> <li>• The Michelson–Morley experiment</li> <li>• Einstein's postulates</li> <li>• Time dilation</li> <li>• Length contraction</li> <li>• Relativistic mass: Mass and energy</li> <li>• Bertozzi's experiment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explaining what is meant by absolute motion and relative motion</li> <li>• Describing the experimental evidence that all motion is relative</li> <li>• Stating the assumptions made by Einstein in his theory of special relativity</li> <li>• Explaining what is meant by length contraction, time dilation, and relativistic mass and completing relativistic calculations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled questions</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>

<p>Wave–particle duality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newton’s corpuscular theory of light</li> <li>• The significance of Young’s double slits experiment</li> <li>• Maxwell’s theory of electromagnetic waves</li> <li>• Hertz’s discovery of radio waves</li> <li>• How to demonstrate the transverse nature of radio waves</li> <li>• Fizeau’s determination of the speed of light</li> <li>• The development of the photon theory of light</li> <li>• Einstein’s explanation of photoelectric emission</li> <li>• Stopping potential and threshold frequency</li> <li>• Wave–particle duality</li> <li>• Electron microscopes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describing Newton’s corpuscular theory of light</li> <li>• Explaining what Young’s double slits experiment tells you about the nature of light</li> <li>• Explain what Maxwell proved about the speed of electromagnetic waves</li> <li>• Describe how radio waves were first produced and detected</li> <li>• Describe how the speed of electromagnetic waves was first measured accurately</li> <li>• Explaining what the ultraviolet catastrophe is and</li> <li>• describing the significance of Einstein’s explanation of photoelectricity</li> <li>• Explaining the diffraction of matter</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled questions</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>
<p>The discovery of the electron</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thermionic emission of electrons</li> <li>• The principle of thermionic emission</li> <li>• Deflection of an electron beam</li> <li>• Using a uniform electric field</li> <li>• Using a uniform magnetic field</li> <li>• Balanced fields</li> <li>• Use of electric and magnetic fields to determine specific charge</li> <li>• The determination of the charge of the electron, <math>e</math>, by Millikan’s method</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explaining what cathode rays are and how they were discovered</li> <li>• Describing how a beam of electrons is produced in a vacuum tube</li> <li>• Explaining how electron beams can be controlled and deflected</li> <li>• Describing what happens to the deflection of an electron beam if the speed of the electrons is increase</li> <li>• Complete calculations for specific charge and charge</li> <li>• Explaining why Millikan’s determination of <math>e</math> was important</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Multiple choice test</li> <li>• Controlled questions</li> <li>• Mini Formative tests</li> <li>• Summative end of unit tests</li> </ul>