Science:Biology @ WBS Year 10 Roadmap

Subject Aim: You are continuing to build on your skills and knowledge and you are using correct terminology in order to describe and explain key ideas.

Topic 1 - Organisation and Enzymes

You will learn about the organisation of living organisms in terms of cells, tissues, organs and organ systems. You will also learn about the structure and function of enzymes. You will study he digestive system as a link to both organisation and enzymes. This topic includes two required practicals on food tests and the effect of pH on enzyme activity. P27-32 of the Biology revision guide.

Topic 2 – Photosynthesis

In this topic you will learn about how plants make glucose and the conditions which can affect this. This topic includes a required practical on photosynthesis in pondweed. P57-60 of the Biology revision guide

Topic 3 - Respiration

You will learn about the processes of aerobic and anaerobic respiration. You will also study the effects of exercise on respiration. P61-63 of the Biology revision guide.

Topic 4– Cell Division

In this topic you will learn about stem cells, how DNA is arranged in chromosomes, a type of cell division known as mitosis, cancer and the risk factors associated with it. P15, 19, 41, 84 of the Biology revision guide.

Topic 5 – Nervous System

You will learn about the how your nervous system works including your senses, stimuli and reflexes. You will also learn about the structure and function of the brain and the eye, including correcting vision defects. This topic includes a required practical on testing your reaction time. P66-71 of the Biology revision guide.

Topic 6 - Hormones and Homeostasis

In this topic you will learn about temperature and blood sugar control, function of the kidneys, the menstrual cycle, infertility treatments and plant hormones. This topic includes a required practical on the effect of light intensity on plant growth. P65, 72-82 of the Biology revision guide.

Assessment

There will be 3 formal Key assessments in Y10. Each will be a test of all of the content you have covered up to that point in time. You will be given the page references of the revision guides that you need to use 2-3 weeks prior to the assessment. The revision forms a key part of your homework. Your setting in Science will be reviewed following each assessment. Your performance will help to determine which examination route you take at the end of Year 11.

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| Key Assessment 1 | 18 th September 2023 |
| Key Assessment 2 | 22 nd January 2024 |
| Key Assessment | 29th April 2024 |

Homework and Revision

Homework is set by your class teacher on Brightspace. You can expect to get 2 homework tasks per topic. One homework is a quiz and the other is a set of written questions.

Revision for the assessments is set by the Head of Department several weeks before each assessment. You will have some revision time in class with your core teacher, but revision is a key component of your Homework.

Enrichment themes

You will look at careers in science throughout the year. You will have the opportunity to engage with Science outside the classroom through STEM club (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths)

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TP and Autumn Term

Where Next?

In year 11 you will continue to develop your knowledge and practical skills in Science. You will study; Inheritance, Variation and Evolution, Communities, Cycles, Human impact on the Environment, Food Chains, Biomass and Food Production (the last topic is only required for those students entered for Triple Science).