Year 9

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing understanding
Autumn	Changes of State and the Particle Model Conservation and Dissipation of Energy Changes in Systems	How are particles arranged in matter and how do they behave? How does heat energy transfer? What is the Specific Heat Capacity of a substance and how do we measure it?	 Introduction to kinetic theory - particles Solids, Liquids and Gases Density theory How do we measure Density (RP5) Internal energy, conduction and Insulation Insulation experiment - RP2 Radiation - absorption, emission and reflection SHC Theory SHC Practical Changes of State 	How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to: Recall the knowledge covered Explain the Physical processes covered. Interpret graphical and experimental data Plan and describe valid experiments Evaluate experimental procedures and results Skills Description Explanation Evaluation Comparison Planning and carrying out investigations Manipulating Mathematical Formulae Assessment point information Based on: Home works during the term Test on Solids, Liquids, Gases and Heat Transfer
Spring	Energy Changes in Systems		 Specific Latent heat Evaporation Brownian Motion and pressure in gases 	How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to: Recall the knowledge covered Explain the Physical processes covered. Interpret graphical and experimental data Plan and describe valid experiments Evaluate experimental procedures and results Skills

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	Pressure in gases	What does the pressure of a gas depend on?	 Pressure and Temperature in gases Pressure and volume in gases experiment Pressure and volume in gases Boyle's law 	 Description Explanation Evaluation Comparison Planning and carrying out investigations Manipulating Mathematical Formulae
	Further Energy Changes	How does Energy transfer?	 Energy stores and pathways introduction Kinetic Energy GPE and converting from it to KE and back 	Assessment point information Based on: ■ Home works during the term ■ Test on Specific Heat Capacity, Latent Heat, Evaporation and Pressure
Summer	Further Energy Changes	How does Energy transfer?	 Power Efficiency Stretching a spring and elastic energy Hooke's Law Required Practical More about elastic energy 	How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to: Recall the knowledge covered Explain the Physical processes covered. Interpret graphical and experimental data, Make connections between different areas of understanding. Skills: Description Explanation Evaluation Comparison Planning and carrying out investigations Carrying out statistical tests and applying maths formulae

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	Assessment point information Based on: Home works during the term End of Year Exam on all topics studied so far.	