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Year 12

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge		Assessing understanding	
			Teacher 1	Teacher 2		
Autumn	Measurements and Errors and Materials Mechanics and Waves	What are the definitions? What is the key theory? Can I apply the theory in order to solve problems?	 Hooke's Law series & parallel Energy in a spring Young's modulus: stress & strain Properties, F-x graphs Linear equations and vectors Resolving vectors, slopes PE, KE & Conservation Work-Energy Power, efficiency Displacement, velocity, acceleration, scalars Motion graphs SUVAT: 1D problems R P 3: Determination of g Projectiles Newton's Laws: Statics and acceleration Terminal Velocity Momentum & Impulse Momentum & Collisions 	 Measuring instruments Measuring circus Measurements & units SI units and prefixes Uncertainty 1 Uncertainty 2 Graphs & uncertainty RP4: Determination of Young's Modulus Wave Basics: Longitudinal + Transverse waves on a string/spring Interference & Superposition Stationary Waves: On a string and in pipes Higher harmonics RP 1: Stationary waves on a string EM waves Polarisation Refraction 	 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: Summer homework Home works during the term Test on Waves & Measurements. 	
	Electricity		Charge & Current	•Diffraction Single slit •Double Slit		

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			●Energy & Potential	 Diffraction Grating White Light Diffraction Patterns RP 2: Interference Effects 	
Spring	Electricity and the structure of atoms Unstable Nuclei Particle Theory	What are the definitions? What is the key theory? Can I apply the theory in order to solve problems?	 Resistance Ohm's Law Ohm's Law Practical Skills Combinations of Resistors (ideal meters) EMF & Kirchhoff's Laws Solving circuits Resistivity Microscopic resistance: Effect of temperature in metals Characteristic Curve of a filament bulb RP 5: Resistivity of a Wire Semiconductor devices Thermistor, LDR, LED, Diode Characteristic Curve of a Diode (LED) Internal Resistance RP 6: EMF and Internal Resistance Thermistor: how does Resistance change as Temperature is varied 	 The atom, specific charge and isotopes Strong nuclear force Unstable nuclei and α and β decay α + β decay, importance of the neutrino Antiparticles pair production and annihilation The four fundamental interactions Exchange particles + Feynman Diagrams Introduction to exotic particles Baryons, mesons and leptons Conservation ideas Strange particles, production and decay Properties of quarks Quark combination of 	 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 Materials and Electricity to date Test on Particles to date.
			•Cells in Series & Parallel	hadrons	

			 Power in Circuits Potential Divider 	 β+β- decay Photoelectric effect Threshold Frequency and photon model Conclusion/ explanation of the photoelectric experiment Einstein's equation Spectra Excitation and de-excitation of electrons 	
Summer	Electricity and Quantum Physics	What are the definitions? What is the key theory? Can I apply the theory in order to solve problems?	 Sensor circuits: potential divider + component Superconductivity Uniform Circular Motion 	 Further evidence of discrete energy levels De Broglie wavelength Electron diffraction 	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
	Year 2 Start of Course: Thermal Physics and Further Mechanics		 Centripetal Acceleration Applications to Hills and Bends Applications to Swings Simple Harmonic Motion RP7: Pendulum and Mass spring system 	 Internal Energy and Temperature Specific Heat Capacity SHC Practical Specific Latent Heat Gas laws 	 Planning and carrying out investigations Manipulating Mathematical Formulae Assessment point information Based on: Home works during the term Internal End of Course Exams

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	 SHM and Circular Motion 	● RF	P7: Pendulum and	
		М	lass spring system	