Department: Biology

Year 11

All numbers refer to specification points

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing understanding
Autumn 1 and Autumn 2	Title 4.6 Inheritance, variation and evolution	Question How and why do organisms differ from each other and from their ancestors?	 4.6.1.1 Sexual and asexual reproduction 4.6.1.2 Meiosis 4.6.1.3 Advantages and disadvantages of sexual and asexual reproduction (biology only) 4.6.1.4 DNA and the genome 4.6.1.5 DNA structure (biology only) 4.6.1.6 Genetic inheritance 4.6.1.7 Inherited disorders 4.6.1.8 Sex determination 4.6.2.1 Variation 4.6.2.2 Evolution 4.6.2.3 Selective breeding 4.6.2.5 Cloning (biology only) 4.6.3.1 Theory of evolution (biology only) 4.6.3.2 Speciation (biology only) 4.6.3.3 The understanding of genetics (biology only) 4.6.3.5 Fossils 4.6.3.6 Extinction 4.6.4 Classification of living organisms 	understanding How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to: • Recall the knowledge covered • Interpret graphical and experimental data • Make connections between different areas of understanding • Explain the biological processes covered. Assessment will take the form of written questions in a test. Skills Graphical interpretation Making connections Explanations Description Scientific literacy and development of use of key terminology Graph drawing Data analysis

Curriculum Outline 2024-25

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Spring 1	4.5	How do	4.5.1 Homeostasis	How understanding is assessed
and	Homeostasis	humans	4.5.2 The human nervous system	
Spring 2	and	respond to	4.5.3 Hormonal coordination in humans	Students will be assessed on their ability to:
and	response	their internal	4.5.4 Plant hormones (Biology only)	 Recall the knowledge covered
Summer		and external		 Interpret graphical and experimental data
1		environment?		 Make connections between different areas of
				understanding
				• Explain the biological processes covered.
				Assessment will take the form of written questions in a test.
				Students will also be assessed on their ability to effectively
				carry out the following:
				Required practical 7: plan and carry out an investigation into
				the effect of a factor on human reaction time.
				Required practical 8: Investigate the effect of light or gravity
				on the growth of newly germinated seedlings. Record results
				as both length measurements and as carefully, labelled
				biological drawings to show the effects.
				Skills
				Graphical interpretation
				Making connections
				Explanations
				Description
				Scientific literacy and development of use of key terminology
				Graph drawing
				Data analysis