

## Wesgreen International School | Inspiring Excellence, Empowering Global Minds Programme of Study – Year 9 Science 2023-24

## TERM 1

Theme	Overview of key learning to take place	How learning will be assessed
<u>Topic:1</u> 9A – Genetics and evolution	<ul> <li>I can explain how environmental variations can cause problems with classification.</li> <li>I can explain how sexual reproduction leads to inherited variation.</li> <li>I can explain what probability is.</li> <li>I can calculate probability and display them in different forms.</li> <li>I can outline how structure of DNA was discovered.</li> <li>I can describe relationship between chromosomes, DNA, genes, genetic information and nuclei.</li> <li>I can explain how organisms become endangered or extinct.</li> <li>I can explain how animals get adapted to the environment.</li> <li>I can explain ways of preserving biodiversity.</li> <li>I can recall that individuals in a population vary genetically.</li> <li>I can explain how natural selection works on the variations.</li> </ul>	Formative Assessment to be used this term: • In class peer and self- assessment of extended answer questions • End of topic questions- exam style worksheets
<u>Topic:2</u> 9D – Biology STEM Project	<ul> <li>I can draw out a plan for scientific writing.</li> <li>I can explain my thoughts, findings and research work through scientific writing.</li> <li>I can use references in my scientific writing.</li> <li>I can write a scientific report on the using the given information.</li> </ul>	

	I can recall names of different forces.	
	I can explain effects of balanced and unbalanced forces.	
	I can explain why moving objects have a top speed.	
	I can recall ways in which energy can be stored and transferred.	
	I can recall laws of energy conservation.	
	I can state the meaning of efficiency.	
	I can describe the meaning of speed and mean speed.	
Topic:3	I can use the formula relating to speed, distance and time	
9I – Forces and	I can represent simple journeys on a distance-time graph.	
Motion	I can draw and interpret distance-time graph.	
	I can calculate the gradient of a line graph.	
	I can draw and interpret speed-time graph.	
	I can describe how a simple lever can multiply forces or distances.	
	I can identify load, effort and pivot on a diagram of a lever.	
	I can describe the factors that affect the size of a moment.	Summative assessment
	I can describe how simple machines can magnify forces.	<b>Mid-term assessment</b> : after first 2 topics of the term.
	I can name some ceramics and their uses.	End of term assessment: after
	I can explain why certain ceramics have particular uses.	next 2 topics of the term.

<u>Topic 4</u> 9E – Making Materials	I can explain how the properties of ceramics depend on their structure. I can name some examples and sues of polymers. I can explain some properties of ceramics. I can describe how polymers are made. I can describe advantages and disadvantages of peer review. I can explain composite materials, giving examples. I can explain what happens in thermal decomposition, and exothermic and endothermic reactions.	REALISING
	I can explain how making and using materials can cause problems.	

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	I can explain what happens when plants photosynthesise and respire.	
	I can explain how rate of photosynthesis can be affected. I can describe how leaves, roots and stems are adapted for their functions.	
<u>Topic 5</u>	I can explain how substances enter and leave the plants.	
9B – Plant Growth	I can explain how and what plants make different substances.	
	I can describe how pests and human population alter the food supply.	
	I can explain ways in which farmers boost food production.	

	I can sue models for example food webs and carbon cycle to explain changes in an ecosystem. I can identify bias. I can explain whether something is valid.	<ul> <li>Formative Assessment to be used this term:</li> <li>In class peer and self-assessment of extended answer questions</li> <li>End of topic questions-exam style worksheets</li> </ul>
<u>Topic 6</u> 9F – Reactivity	<ul> <li>I can state hazards associated with demolition.</li> <li>I can identify and explain the differences between physical changes and chemical reactions.</li> <li>I can use particle theory to explain gas pressure and how it can be changed.</li> <li>I can describe the reactions of metals with water and dilute acids and air.</li> <li>I can describe structure of an atom.</li> <li>I can describe the test for oxygen</li> <li>I can explain how combustion process can be speeded up.</li> <li>I can explain why some reactions need a supply of energy.</li> <li>I can express a number as a percentage of another.</li> <li>I can explain what happens in a displacement reaction.</li> <li>I can explain why the method used to extract a metal is related to cost and the metal's reactivity.</li> </ul>	

	I can explain the importance of a confident speaker in a presentation.	
	I can distribute duties among the group members for a project work.	
	I can collect information to answer a question.	
	I can create a scientific writing piece for an online newspaper.	
<u>Topic 7</u> 9L – Physics	I can present my results/findings to reach a conclusion.	CREATING
STEM Project	I can evaluate the information or data collected.	
	I can create a scientific writing script for an advertisement.	
	I can identify reaction.	
	I can identify the elements in a chemical formula of a compound.	
	I can explain how two ions are formed.	
	I can describe metallic and ionic bonding.	
	I can explain how metals and ionic compounds can conduct electricity.	ANALYSING
Topic 8	I can describe ways to modify weather.	Summative assessment
9G – Transition to further study -	I can discuss the advantages and disadvantages of controlling or modifying weather.	Mid-term assessment: after first
Chemistry	I can interpret and sketch reaction profiles	2 topics of the term.
	I can explain why changes are described as being exothermic or endothermic.	End of term assessment: after next 2 topics of the term.
	I can describe how rates of reactions change.	
	I can write a balanced symbol equations with state symbols.	
	I can recognise and use numbers and units with indices.	

	I can convert numbers to and from standard form.	
	I can represent reversible reactions using balanced symbol equations.	
	I can explain how a dynamic equilibrium is formed in reversible reactions.	

## TERM 3

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		I can decide scientific questions for an investigation.	
		I can describe how temperature differences ca cause convection currents.	
		I can state the meanings if latent heat and specific heat.	
		I can sue the formula for a gravitational potential energy.	ANALYSING
		I can model force fields using diagrams and interpret them.	
	<u>Topic 9</u>	I can describe some examples of cause and effect in science.	Formative Assessment to be
	9K – Transition to further study – Physics	I can describe the difference between correlation and cause.	<ul> <li>In class peer and self-</li> </ul>
		I can identify linear and proportional relationships from graphs.	assessment of extended answer questions • End of topic questions-
		I can use the formula for straight line to help interpret graphs.	exam style worksheets
		I can sue gradients to interpret distance-time and speed-time graphs.	
		I can explain difference between physical and abstract models.	
		I can carry out research related to Physics.	
		I can explain the factors that have led to change in the life expectancy.	
		I can give examples of different kinds of diseases and describe how they are caused.	

<u>Topic 10</u> 9C – Transition to further study – Biology	<ul> <li>I can describe the ways in which white blood cells destroy the microorgansims in the body and explain how this can lead to immunity.</li> <li>I can describe the importance of veterinary doctor to treat animals.</li> <li>I can describe how the nervous system works.</li> <li>I can describe how the hormones affect the body.</li> <li>I can explain how large amounts of human hormones can be produced quickly using genetically modified bacteria.</li> <li>I can calculate median, quartiles and interquartile range of a simple dataset.</li> <li>I can interpret the use of quartiles in comparing variation in a large continuous dataset.</li> <li>I can use data from abundance investigations to estimate population size.</li> <li>I can give examples of how surface area : volume ratio affects organisms.</li> </ul>	
	I can describe how osmosis happens.	
	I can identify the important elements of an advert.	
Topic 11	I can research and solve a problem.	
	I can collect information about a given topic.	920
9H – Chemistry STEM Project	I can research and write a balanced editorial showing both sides of an argument.	CREATING
	I can plan an investigation to find out how different variables affect the amount of copper produced during the electrolysis of copper sulphate solution.	

	I can create aa card/advert to promote a brand for catalytic converter.	
	I can recall the basic principles of electricity.	
	I can state what is meant by a force field.	Summative assessment Mid-term assessment: after first
	I can describe shape of a magnetic field.	2 topics of the term.
	I can recall the factors that affect the strength of gravity.	End of term assessment: after next 2 topics of the term.
	I can calculate weight of a mass.	
	I can explain why an insulating material can be given a charge by rubbing.	
	I can describe how electrically charged objects affect each other.	
	I can describe an electric field.	
	I can explain how switches can be used to control different parts of a circuit.	
	I can recall how current behaves in series and parallel circuits.	
<u>Topic 12</u>	I can describe how voltage behaves in series and parallel circuits.	
9J – Force fields and	I can describe the possible career development related to study of electricity.	
electromagnets	I can describe some factors that affect resistance.	
	I can use the formula relating voltage, current and resistance.	
	I can round off numbers to a given number of decimal places.	
	I can round off numbers to a given number of significant figures.	
	I can describe an electromagnet and its magnetic field.	

I can describe how the strength of an electromagnet can be changed.	
I can describe some applications of electromagnets.	META-THINKING
I can describe the risks associated with space flights.	