

Curriculum Mapping: Chemistry Year 12-13

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
	Module 2: Foundations in chemistry		Module 3: Periodic table and energy		Module 4: Core organic chemistry	
	Concepts/Tier 3 vocabulary	Concepts/Tier 3 vocabulary	Concepts/Tier 3 vocabulary	Concepts/Tier 3 vocabulary	Concepts/Tier 3 vocabulary	Concepts/Tier 3 vocabulary
Year 12	Atoms and reactions Important basic chemical skills are developed: writing chemical formulae, constructing equations and calculating chemical quantities using the concept of amount of substance. The role of acids, bases and salts in chemistry is developed in the context of neutralisation reactions. Finally, redox reactions are studied within the context of oxidation number and electron transfer.	Electrons, bonding and structure This section introduces the concept of atomic orbitals and develops a deeper understanding of electron configurations linked to the periodic table. The central role of electrons in ionic and covalent bonding is then studied. The important role of molecules is studied, including an explanation of polarity and intermolecular forces. Finally, this section looks at how bonding and structure contribute to properties of substances.	The periodic table Periodic trends are first studied to extend the understanding of structure and bonding. Group properties are then studied using Group 2 and the halogens as typical metal and non-metal groups respectively, allowing an understanding of redox reactions to be developed further. Finally, this section looks at how unknown ionic compounds can be analysed and identified using simple test-tube tests.	Physical chemistry Learners first learn about the importance of enthalpy changes, their uses and determination from experimental results including enthalpy cycles. This section then investigates the ways in which a change in conditions can affect the rate of a chemical reaction, in terms of activation energy, the Boltzmann distribution and catalysis. Reversible reactions are then studied, including the dynamic nature of chemical equilibrium and the influence of conditions upon the position of equilibrium. Finally, the integrated roles of enthalpy changes, rates, catalysts	Basic concepts and hydrocarbons This section is fundamental to the study of organic chemistry. This section introduces the various types of structures used routinely in organic chemistry, nomenclature, and the important concepts of homologous series, functional groups, isomerism and reaction mechanisms using curly arrows. The initial ideas are then developed within the context of the hydrocarbons: alkanes and alkenes.	Alcohols, haloalkanes and analysis This section introduces two further functional groups: alcohols and haloalkanes, and considers the importance of polarity and bond enthalpy to organic reactions. Throughout this section, there are many opportunities for developing organic practical skills, including preparation and purification of organic liquids. Finally, the important techniques of infrared spectroscopy and mass spectrometry are used to illustrate instrumental analysis as a valuable tool for identifying organic compounds.



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			considered as a way of		
			increasing yield and		
			reducing energy		
			demand, improving the		
			sustainability of		
			industrial processes.		
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This module acts as an				The module provides	
important bridge into AS		This module provides		learners with a	
and A Level Chemistry		learners with a		knowledge and	
from the study of		knowledge and		understanding of the	
chemistry within science		understanding of the		important chemical	
courses at GCSE level.		important chemical		ideas that underpin the	
This module provides		ideas that underpin the		study of organic	
learners with a		study of inorganic and		chemistry: •	
knowledge and		physical chemistry: • the		nomenclature and	
understanding of the		periodic table: periodic		formula representation,	
important chemical		and group properties •		functional groups,	
ideas that underpin the		enthalpy changes and		organic reactions and	
study of A Level		their determination •		isomerism • aliphatic	
Chemistry: • atomic		rates of reaction •		hydrocarbons • alcohols	
structure • quantitative		reversible reactions and		and haloalkanes •	
chemistry: formulae,		chemical equilibrium •		organic practical skills	
equations, amount of		consideration of energy		and organic synthesis •	
substance and the mole		and yield in improving		instrumental analytical	
 reactions of acids • 		sustainability. This		techniques to provide	
oxidation number and		module allows learners		evidence of structural	
redox reactions •		to develop important		features in molecules.	
bonding and structure.		qualitative practical		This module also	
The importance of these		skills, especially		provides learners with	
basic chemical concepts		observational skills		an opportunity to	
is seen as a prerequisite		required for analysis,		develop important	
for all further chemistry		and accurate		organic practical skills,	
modules, and it is		quantitative techniques involved in		including use of Quickfit	
recommended that this		involved in		apparatus for	



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	module should be		determination of energy		distillation, heating	
	studied first during this		changes and reaction		under reflux and	
	course. This module		rates. There are		purification of organic	
	allows learners to		opportunities for		liquids. In the context of	
	develop important		developing		this module, it is	
	quantitative techniques		mathematical skills		important that learners	
	involved in measuring		when studying enthalpy		should appreciate the	
	masses, gas and solution		changes and reaction		need to consider	
	volumes, including use		rates and when carrying		responsible use of	
	of volumetric apparatus.		out quantitative		organic chemicals in the	
			practical work.		environment. Current	
					trends in this context	
					include reducing	
					demand for	
					hydrocarbon fuels,	
					processing plastic waste	
					productively, and	
					preventing use of ozone-	
					depleting chemicals.	
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	End of unit tests	End of unit tests	End of unit tests	End of unit tests	End of unit tests	
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	Wider reading/Cultural capita					
	Students are expected to imm	erse themselves in				
	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
E	Module 5: Physical		Module 6: Organic			Course complete
Year 13	chemistry and transition		-			Course complete
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Rates, equilibrium and pH The largely qualitative treatment of reaction rates and equilibria encountered in Module 3 is developed within a quantitative and graphical context. This section also allows learners to develop practical quantitative techniques involved in the determination of reaction rates and pH. There are many opportunities for developing mathematical skills, including use of logarithms and exponents, when studying the content of this section and when carrying out quantitative practical work.	Energy Born–Haber cycles are used as a theoretical model to illustrate the energy changes associated with ionic bonding. Entropy and free energy are then introduced as concepts used to predict quantitatively the feasibility of chemical change. Redox chemistry permeates chemistry and the introductory work in Module 2 is developed further within this section, including use of volumetric analysis for redox titrations and an introduction of electrochemistry in the context of electrode potentials.	Transition elements This section provides learners with a deeper knowledge and understanding of the periodic table within the context of the transition elements. This section includes the role of ligands in complex ions, stereochemistry, precipitation, ligand substitution and redox reactions. The colour changes and observations in these reactions increase the toolkit of qualitative inorganic tests for identifying unknown ionic compounds. Aromatic compounds, carbonyls and acids This section extends the range of functional groups encountered in Module 4. Aromatic compounds are first introduced, including the central role of delocalisation within the chemistry of arenes and phenols. Directing	Nitrogen compounds, polymers and synthesis This section focuses on organic nitrogen compounds, including amines, amides and amino acids. Chirality and optical isomerism is also introduced. Condensation polymerisation is also introduced and compared with addition polymerisation. The importance of carbon– carbon bond formation in organic synthesis is stressed. Learners are also able to consider multi-stage synthetic routes towards an organic product. This module allows learners many opportunities to further develop their organic practical skills, especially in preparing and purifying organic solids, including recrystallisation and determination of melting points.	Analysis This section develops and complements the spectroscopic areas of organic chemistry previously encountered. This section demonstrates how analytical techniques introduced in Module 4 (infrared spectroscopy, mass spectrometry and elemental analysis) may be used in combination with NMR spectroscopy to provide evidence of structural features in molecules. The instrumentation methods of analysis studied during the A level course provide learners with an important base of knowledge, understanding and awareness for further study in Higher Education and in many areas of employment in the broad scientific field. This section also looks at how unknown organic	



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		groups are also		functional groups can be	
		introduced, including		analysed and identified	
		their importance to		using simple test-tube	
		organic synthesis. The		tests.	
		important carbonyl			
		compounds, aldehydes			
		and ketones, are then			
		studied. Finally,			
		carboxylic acids and			
		their related functional			
		groups, acyl chlorides			
		and esters, are studied.			
		The importance of acyl			
		chlorides in organic			
		synthesis is emphasised.			
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The content within this		The content within this			N/A
module assumes		module assumes			
knowledge and		knowledge and			
understanding of the		understanding of the			
chemical concepts		chemical concepts			
developed in Module 2:		developed in Module 2:			
Foundations in		Foundations in			
chemistry and Module 3:		chemistry and Module 4:			
Periodic table and		Core organic chemistry.			
energy. This module		This module introduces			
extends the study of		several new functional			
energy, reaction rates		groups and emphasises			
and equilibria, and the		the importance of			
periodic table. The main		organic synthesis. This			
areas of physical		module also adds NMR			
chemistry studied		spectroscopy to the			
chemistry studied include: • rate		spectroscopy to the instrumentation			



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reaction, the		organic and forensic			
ratedetermining step •		analysis. The main areas			
equilibrium constants,		of organic chemistry			
Kc and Kp • acid–base		studied include: •			
equilibria including pH,		aromatic compounds •			
Ka and buffer solutions •		carboxylic acids and			
lattice enthalpy and		esters • organic nitrogen			
Born–Haber cycles •		compounds: amines and			
entropy and free energy		amino acids •			
 electrochemical cells. 		polymerisation: addition			
The main areas of		polymers and			
inorganic chemistry		condensation polymers			
studied include: • redox		 synthetic organic 			
chemistry • transition		chemistry and further			
elements		development of practical			
		skills • the importance			
		of modern analytical			
		techniques in organic			
		analysis.			
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