

Subject: KS5 Physics

| Time period | Autumn 1 | Spring 1 | Summer 1 | Autumn 2 | Spring 2 |
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| | (Year 12) | (Year 12) | (Year 12) | (Year 13) | (Year 13) |
| Content | O Measurements, errors Fundamental (base) units: mass, length, time, amount of | 1 Matter and radiation - Can you represent a simple model of the atom, including | 3 Quantum Physics - Can you explain threshold frequency and the photon | 17 Circular motion Can you recognise uniform motion in a circle? | 23 Capacitors - Can you describe in terms of electron flow what is |
| Declarative | substance, temperature, electric current and their | the proton, neutron, and electron? | explanation of threshold frequency? | Can you describe what you need to measure to find the | happening when a capacitor charges up? |
| Knowledge – | associated SI units. | - Can you describe charge and | - Can you explain work function | speed of an object moving in | - Can you relate the potential |
| 'Know What' | Derived SI units. Knowledge and use of the SI prefixes, values and standard form. | mass of the proton, neutron, and electron in SI units and relative units? - Can you explain the specific | φ and stopping potential? Can you recognise and use the photoelectric equation: h f = φ + EK (max)? | uniform circular motion? - Can you define angular displacement and angular speed? Convey angle is where beits is | difference (pd) across the plates of a capacitor to the charge on its plate? - Can you discuss what capacitors |
| | Students should be able to use the prefixes: T, G, M, k, c, m, μ, n, p, f. | charge of the proton and the electron, and of nuclei and ions? | - Can you explain that EK (max) is the maximum kinetic energy of the photoelectrons? | Can you explain why velocity is not constant when an object is travelling uniformly in a circle? | are used for? - Can you explain why a capacitor stores energy as it is being |
| | - Students should be able to convert between different units | Can you define and use 'proton number Z, nucleon number A' | Can you explain ionisation and excitation? | - Can you determine the direction of the acceleration? | charged? - Can you describe the form of |
| | of the same quantity, eg J and eV, J and kW h. | nuclide notation? - Can you recognise and use the | Can you describe the electron volt? | Can you calculate the centripetal force? | energy that is stored by a capacitor? |
| | - Students should be able to identify random and systematic | notation? - Can you define isotopes and | Can you convert eV into J and vice versa? | Can you explain why a passenger in a car seems to be | - Can you describe what happens to the amount of energy stored |
| | errors and suggest ways to reduce or remove them. | use isotopic data? - Can you explain the strong | Can you use line spectra as evidence for transitions | thrown outwards if the car rounds a bend too guickly? | if the charge stored is doubled? - Can you describe and interpret |
| | Precision, repeatability, reproducibility, resolution and | nuclear force and its role in keeping the nucleus stable? | between discrete energy levels in atoms? | Can you describe what happens to the force between the | the shape of the Q-t charging curves and the shape of the Q-t |
| | accuracy. | - Can you describe short-range | Can you use the formula h f = E1 - E2? | passenger and his seat when travelling over a curved bridge? | discharging curves? - Can you explain which circuit |
| | link between the number of | attraction up to approximately 3 fm and very-short range | - Can you explain why electron | - Can you identify the forces that | components you would change |
| | significant figures in the value of a quantity and its associated | repulsion closer than approximately 0.5 fm? | diffraction suggests that particles possess wave | provide the centripetal force on a banked track? | to make the charge/discharge slower? |
| | uncertainty. - Absolute, fractional and | Can you describe unstable nuclei; alpha and beta decay? | properties and the photoelectric effect suggests | Can you describe when the contact force on a passenger on | - Can you define the time constant of a capacitor-resistor |
| | percentage uncertainties | - Can you use equations for | that electromagnetic waves | a 'big dipper' ride is the | circuit? |
| | represent uncertainty in the final answer for a guantity. | alpha decay and β- decay, including the need for the | have a particulate nature? - Can you calculate the de Broglie | greatest? - Can you describe the condition | - Can you explain how a dielectric affects a capacitor? |
| | - Combination of absolute and | neutrino? | wavelength using , where my is | that applies when a passenger | - Can you define relative |
| | percentage uncertainties.Students should be able to | Can you explain how the existence of the neutrino was | the momentum? - Can you explain how and why | just fails to keep in contact with her seat? | permittivity and dielectric constant? |
| | combine uncertainties in cases where the measurements that | hypothesised to account for | the amount of diffraction | 18 Simple Harmonic Motion | - Can you describe the action of a simple polar molecule |
| | give rise to the uncertainties | conservation of energy in beta decay? | changes when the momentum of the particle is changed? | | a simple polar molecule rotating in an electric field? |





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| are added, subtracted, | - Can you explain that, for every | - Can you explain that knowledge | - Can you explain what is meant | |
| multiplied, divided, or raised to | type of particle, there is a | and understanding of the | by one complete oscillation? | 24 Magnetic fields |
| powers. | corresponding antiparticle? | nature of matter changes over | - Can you define amplitude, | - Can you measure the strength |
| - Represent uncertainty in a data | - Can you compare particle and | time? | frequency, and period? | of a magnetic field? |
| point on a graph using error | antiparticle mass, charge, and | - Can you explain that changes in | - Can you describe the phase | - Can you state the factors that |
| bars. | rest energy in MeV? | understanding of the nature of | difference between two | the magnitude of the force on a |
| - Determine the uncertainties in | Can you explain that the | matter need to be evaluated | oscillators that are out of step? | current-carrying wire depends |
| the gradient and intercept of a | positron, antiproton, | through peer review and | - Can you state the two | on? |
| straight-line graph. | antineutron, and antineutrino | validated by the scientific | fundamental conditions about | - Can you determine the |
| - Individual points on the graph | are the antiparticles of the | community? | acceleration that apply to | direction of the force on a |
| may or may not have | electron, proton, neutron, and | | simple harmonic motion? | current carrying wire in a |
| associated error bars. | neutrino respectively? | 5 Optics | - Can you describe how | magnetic field? |
| Students should be able to | Can you use the photon model | - Can you define path difference | displacement, velocity, and | Can you describe what happens |
| estimate approximate values of | of electromagnetic radiation | and coherence? | acceleration vary with time? | to charged particles in a |
| physical quantities to the | and the Planck constant? | - Can you explain interference | - Can you describe the phase | magnetic field? |
| nearest order of magnitude. | Can you explain annihilation | and diffraction using a laser as | difference between | Can you explain why a force |
| Students should be able to use | and pair production, and the | a source of monochromatic | displacement and velocity and | acts on a wire in a magnetic |
| these estimates together with | energies involved? | light? | displacement and acceleration? | field when a current flows |
| their knowledge of physics to | Can you explain the four | Can you describe Young's | - Can you state the equation that | along a wire? |
| produce further derived | fundamental interactions: | double-slit experiment? | relates displacement to time for | Can you state the equation |
| estimates also to the nearest | gravity, electromagnetic, weak | - Can you describe the use of two | a body moving with simple | used to find the force on a |
| order of magnitude. | nuclear, and strong nuclear? | coherent sources or the use of | harmonic motion? | moving charge? |
| | Can you describe the concept | a single source with double slits | - Can you state the point at | Can you describe what happens |
| 6 Forces in action | of exchange particles to explain | to produce an interference | which the oscillations must | to the direction of the magnetic |
| Can you describe the nature of | forces between elementary | pattern? | start for this equation to apply? | force when electrons are |
| scalars and vectors, and give | particles? | Can you explain fringe spacing | - Can you calculate the velocity | deflected by a magnetic field? |
| examples of each? | Can you explain the | using the equation ? | for a given displacement? | Can you explain why the |
| Can you add vectors by | electromagnetic force and | Can you describe the | - Can you state the conditions | moving charges move in a path |
| calculation and scale drawing? | virtual photons as the exchange | production of an interference | that must be satisfied for | that is circular? |
| Can you resolve vectors into | particle? | pattern using white light? | mass-spring system or simple | Can you state the factors that |
| two components at right angles | Can you describe the weak | Can you describe safety issues | pendulum to oscillate with | affect the radius of the circular |
| to each other, including | interaction limited to β – and β + | associated with using lasers? | simple harmonic motion? | path? |
| components of forces along | decay, electron capture, and | Can you describe and explain | - Can you describe how the | |
| and perpendicular to an | electron-proton collisions? | interference produced with | period of a mass-spring system | 25 Electromagnetic Induction |
| inclined plane? | Can you describe W+ and W- | sound and electromagnetic | depends on the mass? | Can you describe what must |
| Can you solve problems using | as exchange particles? | waves? | - Can you describe how the | happen to a conductor (or to |
| resolved forces or a closed | Can you draw simple diagrams | - Can you explain how our | period of a simple pendulum | the magnetic field in which it's |
| triangle? | to represent reactions or | knowledge and understanding | depends on its length? | placed) for electricity to be |
| - Can you describe the conditions | interactions in terms of | of the nature of | - Can you describe how, in simple | generated? |
| for equilibrium for two or three | incoming and outgoing | electromagnetic radiation has | harmonic motion, kinetic | Can you state the factors that |
| coplanar forces acting at a | particles, and exchange | changed over time? | energy and potential energy | would cause the induced emf |
| point? | particles? | - Have you carried out an | vary with displacement? | to be greater? |
| - Can you define equilibrium in | Can you explain that hadrons | investigation of interference | - Can you describe how these | Can you discuss whether an |
| the context of an object at rest | are subject to the strong | effects using the Young | energies vary with time if | induced emf always causes a |
| or moving with constant | interaction? | double-slit experiment and the | damping is negligible? | current to flow? |
| velocity? | | diffraction grating? | | |





| a force about perpendicular the point to th the force? Can you defini- pair of equal a coplanar force Can you defini- couple as force distance betwa action of the f Can you expla moments? Can you descr centre of mass Can you descr centre of mass Can you expla position of the of uniform register of centre? 7 Motion Can you defini- speed, velociti acceleration? Can you calcui instantaneous velocities? Can you draw represent met and non-unifo Can you expla of areas of vel acceleration | es? e the moment of e × perpendicular veen the lines of forces? in the principle of ribe and define s? in that the e centre of mass gular solid is at its e displacement, y, and late average and s speeds and a diagram to thods of uniform orm acceleration? in the significance locity-time and time graphs, and isplacement-time time graphs for non-uniform in and use the uniform | Can you define the two classes of hadrons: baryons (proton and neutron) and antibaryons (antiproton and antineutron)mesons (pion and kaon)? Can you define the baryon number as a quantum number? Can you explain conservation of baryon number? Can you explain that the proton is the only stable baryon into which other baryons eventually decay? Can you describe the pion as the exchange particle of the strong nuclear force? Can you describe kaons as particles that can decay into pions? Can you explain that leptons are subject to the weak interaction? Can you describe leptons: electrons, muons, neutrinos (electron and muon types only), and their antiparticles? Can you describe lepton number as a quantum number? Can you describe the muon as a particle that decays into an elepton number for muon leptons and for electron leptons? Can you describe the muon as a particle that decays into an electron? Can you describe the muon as a particle that decays into an electron? Can you describe the muon as a particle that decays into an electron? Can you describe the muon as a particle that decays into an electron? Can you describe the muon as a particles sparticles that are produced through the strong interaction and decay through | Can you describe the appearance of the diffraction pattern from a single slit using monochromatic and white light? Can you describe how the width of the central diffraction maximum varies with wavelength and slit width? Can you describe the diffraction pattern when light is shone on a plane transmission diffraction grating at normal incidence? Can you derive dsinθ = nλ? Can you calculate the refractive index of a substance using ? Can you recall that the refractive index of a substance using ? Can you recall and use Snell's law of refraction (n1sin θ1 = n2sin θ2) for a boundary? Can you explain total internal reflection using ? Can you explain fibre optics, including the function of the cladding? Can you explain material and modal dispersion? Can you explain the principles and consequences of pulse broadening and absorption? 19. Thermal energy transfer Gas laws as experimental relationships between p, V, T and the mass of the gas. Concept of absolute zero of temperature. | Can you describe the effects of damping on the characteristics of oscillations? Can you state the circumstances in which resonance occurs? Can you distinguish between free vibrations and forced vibrations? Can you explain why a resonant system reaches a maximum amplitude of vibration? 21 Gravitational fields Can you explain what is meant by the strength of a gravitational field? Can you define w radial field and a uniform field? Can you define gravitational potential difference between two points? Can you calculate the gravitational potential difference between two points? Can you explain what is meant object would have to be placed for its gravitational attraction varies with distance? Can you describe how gravitational attraction varies with distance? Can you discuss whether spherical objects, for example planets, can be treated as point masses? Can you describe the shape of a graph g against r for points outside the surface of a planet | Can you define the magnetic flux and the magnetic flux linkage? Can you relate the induced emf in a coil to the magentic flux linkage through it? Can you state Lenz's law and the conservation law that explains it? Can you state the two features of the output voltage waveform that change if the coil is turned faster? Can you explain why the output alternates? Can you explain why it is preferable for practical generators to have fixed coils and a rotating (electro)magnet? Can you explain what is meant by the rms value of an alternating current? Can you explain the purpose of transformers? Can you explain the purpose of transformers? Can you describe the energy changes that take place in a transformer? Can you discuss how the efficiency of transformers is improved by better design? Option unit This may vary from class to class however will be one of the following (most commonly Astrophysics): Astrophysics |
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| acceleration? | | produced through the strong | - Concept of absolute zero of | graph g against r for points | Astrophysics): |
| - Can you expla due to gravity | in acceleration | interaction and decay through the weak interaction (e.g. | temperature. - Ideal gas equation: pV = nRT for | outside the surface of a planet - Can you compare this graph | Astrophysics Medical Physics |
| | | the weak interaction (e.g., | Ideal gas equation: pV = nRT for n moles and pV = NkT for N | - Can you compare this graph with the graph of V against r? | , |
| - Can you expla | | kaons)? - Can you describe strangeness | n moles and pv = NKT for N molecules. | with the graph of V against r? | Engineering Physics Turning points in |
| | effect of motion in | , . | | | Turning points in Physics |
| horizontal and | a vertical | (symbol s) as a quantum | - Work done = $p\Delta V$ | | Physics |





| directions of a uniform | number to reflect the fact that | Avogadro constant NA, molar | - Can you explain the significance | Electronics |
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| gravitational field? | strange particles are always | gas constant R, Boltzmann | of the gradient of the V-r | Students will be informed of the |
| - Can you solve problems using | created in pairs? | constant k | graph? | option topic at the beginning of |
| the equations of uniform | - Can you explain conservation of | - Molar mass and molecular | - Can you state the condition | year 13 and the full content for |
| acceleration? | strangeness in strong | mass. | needed for a satellite to be in a | each can be found here from |
| - Can you define and explain the | interactions? | | stable orbit? | page 45 onwards. |
| effects of friction? | - Can you explain that | 20a. Ideal Gases | - Can you describe what happens | |
| - Can you explain the effect of air | strangeness can change by 0, | - Internal energy is the sum of | to the speed of a satellite if it | |
| resistance on the trajectory of a | +1, or -1 in weak interactions? | the randomly distributed | moves closer to the Earth? | |
| projectile? | - Can you explain that particle | kinetic energies and potential | - Can you discuss why a | |
| P - J | physics relies on the | energies of the particles in a | geostationary satellite must be | |
| 8 Newtons laws | collaborative efforts of large | body. | in orbit above the equator? | |
| - Can you understand and apply | teams of scientists and | - The internal energy of a system | | |
| the three laws of motion in | engineers to validate new | is increased when energy is | 22 Electric fields | |
| appropriate situations? | knowledge? | transferred to it by heating or | - Can you explain how to charge | |
| - Can you apply F = m a for | knowledge. | when work is done on it (and | a metal object? | |
| situations where the mass is | | vice versa), eg a qualitative | - Can you describe what the | |
| constant? | 2 Quarks and Leptons | treatment of the first law of | direction of an electric field line | |
| - Can you define and explain the | - Can you describe the properties | thermodynamics. | shows concerning a test | |
| effects of friction? | of quarks and antiquarks in | - Appreciation that during a | charge? | |
| - Can you explain the effects of | terms of charge, baryon | change of state the potential | - Can you illustrate the strength | |
| lift and drag forces? | number, and strangeness? | energies of the particle | of an electric field by using field | |
| - Can you define and describe | - Can you explain the | ensemble are changing but not | lines? | |
| terminal speed? | combinations of quarks and | the kinetic energies. | - Can you describe how to | |
| - Can you explain that air | antiquarks required for baryons | Calculations involving transfer | measure, in principle, the | |
| resistance increases with | (proton and neutron only), | of energy. | strength of an electric field? | |
| speed? | antibaryons (antiproton and | - For a change of temperature: Q | - Can you discuss whether | |
| - Can you explain the effect of air | antineutron only), and mesons | $= mc \Delta$ where c is specific heat | electric field strength E is a | |
| resistance on the factors that | (pion and kaon only)? | capacity. | scalar or a vector, and describe | |
| affect the maximum speed of a | - Can you show the decay of the | - Calculations including | how this affects the sign of a | |
| vehicle? | neutron? | continuous flow. | test charge you should use? | |
| Venicie: | - Can you explain the change of | - For a change of state Q = ml | - Can you explain why E should | |
| 9 Forces and momentum | quark character in β - and β + | where I is the specific latent | be describe as the force per | |
| Can you apply the equation | decay? | heat. | unit charge instead of the force | |
| momentum = mass × velocity? | - Can you apply the conservation | neat. | that acts on one coulomb of | |
| - Can you explain the | laws for charge, baryon | 20b. Molecular kinetic theory | charge? | |
| conservation of linear | number, lepton number and | - Brownian motion as evidence | - Can you explain why potential | |
| momentum? | strangeness to particle | for existence of atoms. | is defined in terms of the work | |
| - Can you apply the principle of | interactions, given the | - Explanation of relationships | done per unit + charge? | |
| conservation of linear | necessary data? | between p, V and T in terms of | - Can you calculate the electric | |
| momentum to problems in one | - Can you recognise that energy | a simple molecular model. | potential difference between | |
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| dimension? - Can you explain force as the | and momentum are conserved in interactions? | - Students should understand | two points/ | |
| rate of change of momentum? | | that the gas laws are empirical in nature whereas the kinetic | Can you describe how to find the change in electric potential | |
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| - Can you explain that impulse = | | theory model arises from | energy from pd? | |
| change in momentum? | | theory. | | |





| - Can you apply $F\Delta t = \Delta (mv)$, | 4 Waves | Assumptions leading to pV = | - Can you explain why potential | |
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| where F is constant? | - Can you explain oscillation of | 1/3 Nm crms^2 including | (and pd) is measured in V? | |
| - Can you explain the significance | particles in terms of amplitude, | derivation of the equation and | - Can you describe how the force | |
| of the area under a force-time | frequency, wavelength, speed, | calculations. | between tow point charges | |
| graph? | phase, and phase difference? | - A simple algebraic approach | depends on distance? | |
| - Can you describe forces that | - Can you explain that phase | involving conservation of | - Can you calculate the force | |
| vary with time? | difference may be measured as | momentum is required. | between two charge objects? | |
| - Can you explain that impact | angles (radians and degrees) or | - Appreciation that for an ideal | - Can you explain what the sign | |
| force is related to contact time, | as fractions of a cycle? | gas internal energy is kinetic | of the force $(+ \text{ or } -)$ indicates? | |
| and apply this to problems | - Can you explain the nature of | energy of the atoms. | - Can you state the equation that | |
| involving kicking a football, | longitudinal and transverse | - Use of average molecular | gives the electric field strength | |
| crumple zones and packaging? | waves, including sound, | kinetic energy equation. | near a point charge? | |
| - Can you define and explain | electromagnetic waves, and | - Appreciation of how knowledge | - Can you state the equation that | |
| elastic and inelastic collisions, | waves on a string? | and understanding of the | gives the potential associated | |
| and explosions? | - Can you describe the direction | behaviour of a gas has changed | with a point charge? | |
| - Can you explain momentum | of displacement of | over time. | - Can you explain why E is equal | |
| conservation issues in the | particles/fields relative to the | | to zero inside a charged | |
| context of ethical transport | direction of energy | | sphere? | |
| design? | propagation? | | - Can you state which electrical | |
| | - Can you recall that all | | quantity is analogous to mass? | |
| 10 Work energy power | electromagnetic waves travel at | | - Can you state the main | |
| - Can you explain that energy | the same speed in a vacuum? | | similarities between electric | |
| transferred, $W = F s \cos \theta$? | - Can you explain polarisation as | | and gravitational fields? | |
| - Can you use the formulae: | evidence for the nature of | | - Can you state the principal | |
| rate of doing work = rate of | transverse waves? | | differences between electric | |
| energy transfer, $P = = Fv$ | - Can you apply your knowledge | | and gravitational fields? | |
| - Can you explain variable forces? | of polarisers to explain the | | | |
| - Can you explain the significance | function of Polaroid material | | 26 Radioactivity | |
| of the area under a | and the alignment of aerials for | | Can you state how big the | |
| force–displacement graph? | transmission and reception? | | nucleus is? | |
| - Can you use the formula for | - Can you define stationary | | Can you describe how the | |
| efficiency? | waves? | | nucleus was discovered? | |
| - Can you explain the principle of | - Can you describe nodes and | | Can you explain why it was not | |
| conservation of energy? | antinodes on strings? | | discovered earlier? | |
| - Can you use the formula $\Delta EP =$ | - Can you use the formula for | | Can you define α , β , and γ | |
| m g Δ h and EK = 0.5 m v^2? | first harmonic? | | radiation? | |
| - Can you explain and apply | - Can you describe the formation | | Can you explain why it is | |
| energy conservation to | of stationary waves by two | | dangerous? | |
| examples involving gravitational | waves of the same frequency | | Can you describe the properties | |
| potential energy, kinetic energy, | travelling in opposite | | of α , β , and γ radiation? | |
| and work done against resistive | directions? | | Can you describe what happens | |
| forces? | - Can you draw a diagram to | | to the nucleus in a radioactive | |
| 101003: | explain the formation of | | change? | |
| 12 Electricity | stationary waves? | | Can you describe how the | |
| - Can you explain electric current | - Can you describe stationary | | intensity of y radiation changes | |
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| as the rate of flow of charge? | waves formed on a string and | | as it spreads out? | |



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| - Can you explain potential | those produced with | Can you explain how to represent | |
| difference as work done per | microwaves and sound waves? | the change in a nucleus when it | |
| unit charge? | Can you describe stationary | emits α , β , and γ radiation? | |
| - Can you use the formulae ? | waves on strings in terms of | Can you explain why ionising | |
| - Can you define resistance as ? | harmonics? | radiation is harmful? | |
| - Can you recognise and use | Have you carried out an | Can you state the factors that | |
| ohmic conductors, | investigation into how the | determine whether α , β , or γ are | |
| semiconductor diodes, and | frequency of stationary waves | the most dangerous? | |
| filament lamps? | on a string varies with length, | Can you discuss how exposure to | |
| - Can you explain Ohm's law as a | tension, and mass per unit | ionising radiation can be | |
| special case where I ∝ V under | length of the string? | reduced? | |
| constant physical conditions? | | Can you state what is meant by | |
| - Can you interpret characteristic | 11 Materials | the activity of a radioactive | |
| graphs where I or V is on the | Can you calculate density? | isotope? | |
| horizontal axis? | - Can you explain Hooke's law | Can you define the half-life of a | |
| Can you explain resistivity and | and the elastic limit? | radioactive isotope? | |
| use the equation ? | Can you carry out calculations | Can you discuss whether | |
| - Can you describe the effect of | using F = $k\Delta L$, with k as stiffness | anything affects radioactive | |
| temperature on the resistance | and spring constant? | decay? | |
| of metal conductors and | Can you define and explain | Can you discuss whether a | |
| thermistors? | tensile strain and tensile stress? | radioactive source can decay | |
| - Can you describe application of | Can you define and explain | completely? | |
| thermistors as temperature | elastic strain energy and | Can you define exponential | |
| sensors? | breaking stress? | decrease? | |
| Can you describe and sketch | Can you use the formula: | Can you explain why radioactive | |
| how resistance varies with | energy stored = $F \Delta L$ = area | decay is a random process? | |
| temperature for a metal wire | under force-extension graph | Can you describe how to do | |
| and for a thermistor? | Can you describe plastic | radioactive dating? | |
| Can you describe | behaviour, fractures and brittle | Can you define radioactive | |
| superconductivity as a property | behaviour, and sketch | tracers? | |
| of certain materials that have | force-extension graphs to show | Can you discuss what | |
| zero resistivity at/below a | these behaviours? | radioactivity is used for in | |
| critical temperature which | - Can you apply energy | hospitals? | |
| depends on the material? | conservation to examples | Can you discuss what you can tell | |
| - Can you describe some | involving elastic strain energy | about radioactive isotopes from | |
| applications of | and energy to deform? | an N-Z chart? | |
| superconductors, including | - Can you explain how spring | Can you explain why naturally | |
| their use in the production of | energy is transformed to kinetic | occurring isotopes don't emit β + | |
| strong magnetic fields and the | and gravitational potential | radiation? | |
| reduction of energy loss in | energy? | Can you describe what happens | |
| transmission of electric power? | - Can you interpret simple | to an unstable nucleus that emits | |
| - Have you carried out a practical | stress-strain curves? | γ radiation? | |
| to determine resistivity of a | - Can you list and explain energy | Can you discuss whether more massive nuclei are wider? | |
| wire using a micrometer, | conservation issues in the | massive nuclei are wider? | |
| ammeter, and voltmeter? | context of ethical transport | | |
| | design? | | |



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| 13 Circuits Can you carry out calculations for resistors in series and in parallel? Can you explain and use the energy and power equations: E = 1 v t and P = 1 V = 12 R = ? Can you explain the relationships between currents, voltages and resistances in series and parallel circuits, including cells in series and identical cells in parallel? Can you explain conservation of charge and conservation of energy in dc circuits? Can you describe how the potential divider is used to supply constant or variable potential difference from a power supply? Can you explain the use of variable resistors, thermistors, and light dependent resistors in the potential divider? Can you use the formulae ? Can you understand and perform calculations for circuits in which the internal resistance of the supply is not negligible? Have you carried out an | Can you calculate the Young modulus? Can you use stress-strain graphs to find the Young modulus? Have you carried out a practical to determine the Young modulus by a simple method? | Can you describe how the radius of a nucleus depends on its mass number A? Can you describe how dense the nucleus is? 27 Nuclear Energy - Can you explain E = mc2? - Can you describe what happens to the mass of an object when it gains or loses energy? - Can you calculate the energy released in a nuclear reaction? - Can you define binding energy? - Can you define binding energy? - Can you state which nuclei are the most stable? - Can you explain why energy is released when a uranium-235 nucleus undergoes fission? - Can you describe how much energy is released in a fission or fusion reaction? - Can you explain why small nuclei can't be split? - Can you explain why large nuclei can't be fused? - Can you explain how a nuclear reactor works? - Can you describe a thermal nuclear reactor? - Can you explain how a nuclear reactor is controlled? | |
| power supply? Can you explain the use of variable resistors, thermistors, and light dependent resistors in the potential divider? Can you use the formulae ? Can you explain terminal pd and emf? Can you understand and perform calculations for circuits in which the internal resistance of the supply is not negligible? | | fusion reaction? Can you explain why small nuclei can't be split? Can you explain why large nuclei can't be fused? Can you explain how a nuclear reactor works? Can you describe a thermal nuclear reactor? Can you explain how a nuclear | |





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| 'Know How' | | | | | |
| | Topic 7 - Investigation to find g by a free fall method Topic 12 - Investigation to find the resistivity of a wire Topic 13 - Investigation to find the internal resistance of a cell | Topic 11 - Investigation to find the Young's Modulus of a known material Topic 4 - Investigation into factors affecting standing wave on a string | Topic 5 - Investigation to find the wavelength of a monochromatic light source | Topic 18 - Investigation into simple harmonic motion - mass-spring & pendulum. Topic 20 - Investigation of Boyle's and Charles' laws Topic 26 - Investigation of the inverse-square law for gamma radiation. | Topic 23 - Investigation of the charge and discharge of capacitors. Topic 24 - Investigate how the force on a wire varies with flux density, current and length of a wire. Topic 25 - Investigate the effect on magnetic flux linkage of varying the angle between a search coil and magnetic field direction. |





| Assessment | Year 12 Baseline Test | End of Topic Assessments for each Unit. | End of Topic Assessments for each Unit. | Year 12 Summer HBL | Trial Exams (January) |
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| | Transition summer work | | | End of Topic Assessments for | End of Topic Assessments for |
| | | Easter End of ½ Term Test | RPs - Assessed by class teacher | each Unit. | each Unit. |
| | End of Topic Assessments for | | against list of Physics Specific | | |
| | each Unit. | RPs - Assessed by class teacher | skills and CPAC skills. | RPs - Assessed by class teacher | RPs - Assessed by class teacher |
| | October End of ½ Term Test | against list of Physics Specific skills and CPAC skills. | Year 12 Threshold Exams | against list of Physics Specific skills and CPAC skills. | against list of Physics Specific skills and CPAC skills. |
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