

KS5 Year 12 Physics

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Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Key knowledge: 3.1 Measurements and their errors 3.2 Particles and Radiation 3.4 Mechanics and Materials Please refer to the specification from AQA: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407-7408/specification-at-a-glance		Key knowledge: 3.1 Measurements and their errors (cont'd) 3.5 Electricity 3.4 Mechanics and Materials (cont'd) Please refer to the specification from AQA: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407-7408/specification-at-a-glance		Key knowledge: 3.1 Measurements and their errors (cont'd) 3.3 Waves Please refer to the specification from AQA: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407-7408/specification-at-a-glance	
Pupils will be able to: Complete required practicals	Key Vocabulary: Alpha Decay Annihilation Antiparticle Baryon Number Baryon Beta-Minus Decay Beta-Plus Decay Electron Diffraction Electron-volt (eV) Energy Levels Excitation Gauge Boson Ground State Hadrons Ionisation Isotope Kaon Lepton Number Lepton Meson Muon Neutrino Nucleon Number (A) Nucleon Pair Production Photon Pion Positron Proton Number (Z) Stopping Potential Strange Particles	Pupils will be able to: Complete required practicals	Key Vocabulary: Ammeter Current Electromotive Force Internal Resistance Light Dependent Resistor Ohmic Conductor Ohm's Law Parallel Circuits Potential Divider Resistance Resistivity Resistors in Parallel Resistors in Series Series Circuits Superconductor Terminal Potential Difference Thermistor Voltmeter	Pupils will be able to: Complete required practicals	Key Vocabulary: Amplitude Antinode Cladding Coherence Diffraction Grating Diffraction Electromagnetic Waves Frequency Fringe Spacing Interference Laser Longitudinal Wave Material Dispersion Modal Dispersion Node Optical Fibre Path Difference Phase Difference Phase Polarisation Pulse Broadening Refractive Index Snell's Law Speed Stationary Wave Total Internal Reflection Transverse Wave Wavelength Young's Double-Slit Experiment

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	Strangeness Strong Nuclear Force Threshold Frequency Work Function Breaking Stress Brittle Centre of Mass Conservation of Energy Conservation of Momentum Couple Density Efficiency Elastic Behaviour Elastic Collision Elastic Limit Elastic Strain Energy Equilibrium Hooke's Law Impulse Inelastic Collision Moment Momentum Newton's First Law Newton's Second Law Newton's Third Law Plastic Behaviour Principle of Moments Scalar Spring Constant Stiffness Tensile Strain Tensile Stress Terminal Speed Vector Young Modulus				Accuracy Anomalies Calibration Data Errors Random error Systematic error Zero error Evidence Fair test Hypothesis Interval Precision Prediction Range Repeatable Reproducible Resolution Sketch graph True value Uncertainty Validity Valid conclusion	
Assessment: Required practicals Assessed homework PAR tasks		Assessment: Required practicals Assessed homework PAR tasks		Assessment: Required practicals Assessed homework PAR tasks		
Enrichment Opportunities:		Enrichment Opportunities:		Enrichment Opportunities:		

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Autumn Term		Spring Term		Summer Term	
Key knowledge: 3.6 Further mechanics and thermal physics 3.7 Fields and their consequences Please refer to the specification from AQA: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407-7408/specification-at-a-glance		Key knowledge: 3.6 Further mechanics and thermal physics (cont'd) 3.7 Fields and their consequences (cont'd) 3.8 Nuclear physics Optional unit (Astrophysics/Medical physics/Engineering physics/Turning points in Physics) Please refer to the specification from AQA: https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/as-and-a-level/physics-7407-7408/specification-at-a-glance		Revision and Exam Practice	
Pupils will be able to: Complete required practicals	Key Vocabulary: Angular Speed Centripetal Acceleration Centripetal Force Critical Damping Damping Forced Vibrations Free Vibrations Overdamping Radian Resonance Simple Harmonic Motion Underdamping Capacitance Capacitor Coulomb's Law Cyclotron Dielectric Electrical Conductor Electrical Insulator Electric Field Electric Field Strength, E (at a point in the field) Electric Potential, V (at a point in the field) Electromagnetic Induction Equipotential Escape Velocity	Pupils will be able to: Complete required practicals	Key Vocabulary: Absolute Zero Avogadro Constant Boltzmann Constant Boyle's Law Brownian Motion Charles' Law Ideal Gas Internal Energy Kelvin Scale Molar Gas Constant Molar Mass Molecular Mass Pressure Law Specific Heat Capacity Specific Latent Heat State Changes Activity Alpha Decay Atomic Mass Unit Background Radiation Beta Decay Binding Energy Chain Reaction Closest Approach Contamination Control Rods Coolant		

	Faraday's Law Field Line / Line of Force Force Field Geostationary Satellite Gravitational Field Gravitational Field Strength Gravitational Potential, V (at a point in the field) Gravitational Potential Energy Kepler's Third Law Lenz's Law Magnetic Field Magnetic Flux, ϕ Magnetic Flux Density, B Magnetic Flux Linkage, $N \phi$ Motor Effect Permittivity of free space, ϵ_0 Polarised Potential Gradient Radial Field Relative Permittivity Step-down Transformer Step-up Transformer Synchronous Orbit Time Constant Uniform Field		Critical Mass Electron Capture Fission Fusion Gamma Decay Half-Life Inverse Square-Law Irradiation Mass Defect Moderator Radioactive Dating Radioactive Waste Random Nature of Radioactive Decay Rutherford Scattering		
Assessment: Required practicals Assessed homework PAR tasks		Assessment: Required practicals Assessed homework PAR tasks			