



Headlands School Science - **KS4 Assessment Strands** - *Key Knowledge and Application students need to be able to do to succeed*

| Unit | Emerging | Developing | Secure | Excelling |
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| B1 Cells and respiration | Draw label and describe the function of organelles of cells | Explain how a microscope works to enable us to view a cell | Explain how reactants move around the body and arrive in a cell for respiration and the equations | Suggest how and why the body responds to respiration |
| C1 Atomic structure | Use the periodic table to identify elements in a compound and state the no. of atoms | Draw a labelled diagram of a specific atom using the periodic table | Explain the patterns in the periodic table and link to reactivity | Evaluate different models of the atom over time |
| P1 Energy | State everyday uses and sources of energy | Identify 8 energy stores and 4 energy transfers | Use diagrams to describe simple energy transfers | Manipulate and use energy equations |
| B2 Biomolecules | Describe functions of tissues and organs within the double circulatory system, pulmonary system and digestive system | Describe how the structure of a leaf is adapted to allow processes such as photosynthesis, translocation and transpiration | Explain how enzymes allow mammals to survive and their role in food tests | Evaluate how enzymes optimal conditions allow organisms to survive in adverse conditions |
| C2 Bonding | Identify the type of bonding given the formula of a compound | Describe in terms of electrons how each type of bonding occurs | Draw accurate diagrams depicting different types of bonding | Link properties of a substance to its electrons, bonding and structure |

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| P2 Electricity | Identify standard circuit symbols, recognise series & parallel circuits and define the terms current, voltage & resistance quantitatively | Describe the use of standard circuit components and state their effects in series & parallel circuits | Calculate current and voltage and resistance using equations (3) recalled | Interpret IV characteristic graphs in terms of resistance and <u>rearrange</u> learnt equations |
| B3 Infection and response | Identify the cause, mechanism of spread, symptoms and treatment of different communicable diseases | Describe how we are protected from pathogens, including the two ways our white blood cells work | Explain how vaccinations and associated drug trials induce long-term immunity | Suggest the reason of the high cost of drugs and explain the sources of different drugs |
| C3 Quantitative chemistry | Interpret the pH of a substance using universal indicator | Describe how to make a soluble salt from an acid and base | Calculate the molecular mass from salts made in neutralisation reactions | Apply molecular masses to proving the law of conservation of mass for neutralisation reactions |
| P3 Particles | Describe the structure of an atom and the arrangements of particles in solids, liquids and gases | Describe experiments to find density and specific heat capacity and explain the expected results | Evaluate the properties and uses of different radioactive sources | Use the kinetic theory to explain results of the SHC experiments and find half life from experimental data |

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| B4 Homeostasis | Identify the methods of communication within the body and what conditions need to be maintained | Describe the 7 parts of a reflex arc and compare to conscious actions | Explain how both diabetes can be caused with the role of insulin also explained | Analyse the roles of hormones: thyroxine, adrenaline, glucagon in the context of homeostasis. |
| C4 Rates and equilibrium | Recognise that some reactions are endothermic and reversible. Identify factors which can affect the rate of reactions | Interpret reaction profiles and the directions of reversible reactions. Describe using collision theory, how changing factors affects the rate of reaction | Calculate overall energy changes and rates of reactions using data + simple graphs and explain dynamic equilibrium | Evaluate rates of reactions from tangents of graphs. Apply Le Chatelier's principle to shifting equilibrium |
| P4 Forces | Label common forces responsible for examples, name the effects of forces | Give example of effects of resultant forces including deformation and acceleration | Calculate resultant forces and their effects using the force equation | Explain how an electric motor works |

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| B5 Inheritance | State the theory of evolution through natural selection and give examples | Describe the aims and outcomes behind the human Genome project | Explain the advantages and disadvantages of sexual and asexual reproduction | Predict different phenotypes based on the construction of punnett squares from selective breeding |
| C5 Hydrocarbons and electrolysis | State the tests for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide, chlorine and the test between an alkane and alkene | Describe and explain what happens during the processes of fractional distillation, cracking and chromatography | Describe what is made during the electrolysis of molten and aqueous ionic substances | Explain, including half equation, what is made at each electrode during the electrolysis of molten and aqueous ionic substances. |
| P5 Motion | Explain Newton's first law and give examples including motion, springs and magnets | Describe experiments to investigate Newton's second law and the shape of magnetic fields, and state expected outcomes | Describe the use of experimental data to find quantities including speed, acceleration, spring constant and force on a current carrying wire | Derive SUVAT equations and define the principle of the conservation of momentum |

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| B6 Ecology | Identify the factors that can contribute to changes in distribution of organisms | Explain the effects of human population on the population of other organisms across the biosphere | Describe the processes of decomposition, combustion, photosynthesis and respiration in terms of Carbon cycling. Interpret graphical data on these cycles | Calculate distributions of organisms in real examples justifying the choice of equipment and technique used. |
| C6 Earth's atmosphere and resources | State the causes of environmental problems such as global warming, climate change, acid rain and water pollution | Describe how gases in the air have changed over time and how human uses of earth's resources are affecting their amounts | Explain how humans uses of earth's resources are affecting the planets air, climate, water and land and describe how the animals and plants are affected | Evaluate the links between humans uses of earth's resources and environmental problems such as climate change and suggest possible solutions |
| P6 Waves | State 7 types of electromagnetic radiation in order and give examples of uses and dangers for each | Label a diagram showing main characteristics of two types of wave and give examples of each | Describe using diagrams how waves behave at boundaries between mediums | Manipulate the wave equation and using standard form where appropriate |