

YEAR TEN

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	C3.4 Further analysis and quantitative chemistry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ interpret results of the chemical tests in this specification ■ interpret and evaluate the results of analyses carried out to identify elements and compounds for forensic, health or environmental purposes. 	
	C3.5 The production of ammonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ evaluate the conditions necessary in an industrial process to maximise yield and minimise environmental impact ■ describe and evaluate the effects of changing the conditions of temperature and pressure on a given reaction or process ■ evaluate the conditions used in industrial processes in terms of energy requirements. 	
TERM 3	P2.1 Forces and their effects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ interpret data from tables and graphs relating to speed, velocity and acceleration ■ evaluate the effects of alcohol and drugs on stopping distances ■ evaluate how the shape and power of a vehicle can be altered to increase the vehicle's top speed ■ draw and interpret velocity–time graphs for objects that reach terminal velocity, including a consideration of the forces acting on the object. 	
	P2.2 The kinetic energy of objects speeding up or slowing down	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ evaluate the benefits of different types of braking system, such as regenerative braking. ■ evaluate the benefits of air bags, crumple zones, seat belts and side impact bars in cars. 	
	P2.3 Currents in electrical circuits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ apply the principles of basic electrical circuits to practical situations ■ evaluate the use of different forms of lighting, in terms of cost and energy efficiency. 	
	P2.4 Using mains electricity safely and the power of electrical appliances	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ understand the principles of safe practice and recognise dangerous practice in the use of mains electricity ■ compare the uses of fuses and circuit breakers ■ evaluate and explain the need to use different cables for different appliances ■ consider the factors involved when making a choice of electrical appliances. 	

	<p>P2.5 What happens when radioactive substances decay, and the uses and dangers of their emissions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ evaluate the effect of occupation and/or location on the level of background radiation and radiation dose ■ evaluate the possible hazards associated with the use of different types of nuclear radiation ■ evaluate measures that can be taken to reduce exposure to nuclear radiations ■ evaluate the appropriateness of radioactive sources for particular uses, including as tracers, in terms of the type(s) of radiation emitted and their half-lives ■ explain how results from the Rutherford and Marsden scattering experiments led to the 'plum pudding' model being replaced by the nuclear model. 	
	<p>P2.6 Nuclear fission and nuclear fusion</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ compare the uses of nuclear fusion and nuclear fission. 	
	<p>P3.1 Medical applications of physics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ draw and interpret ray diagrams in order to determine the nature of the image ■ evaluate the use of different lenses for the correction of defects of vision ■ compare the medical use of ultrasound and X rays ■ evaluate the advantages and disadvantages of using ultrasound, X-rays and Computerised Tomography (CT) scans. 	
	<p>P3.2 Using physics to make things work</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ analyse the stability of objects by evaluating their tendency to topple ■ recognise the factors that affect the stability of an object ■ evaluate how the design of objects affects their stability ■ interpret and evaluate data on objects moving in circular paths. 	
	<p>P3.3 Keeping things moving</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ interpret diagrams of electromagnetic appliances in order to explain how they work ■ compare the use of different types of transformer for a particular application. 	