

Year 13 Curriculum Grid CHEMISTRY

Year/term	Unit of work	Intent
Overall		 Develop knowledge from year 12 in preparation for A-level exams Enthuse year 13 students to carry on with chemistry in the future
Autumn	Optical Isomers	 Draw the structural and displayed formulas of enantiomers a Explain their effect on polarised light
	Aldehydes	 Write equations for the oxidation and reduction of aldehydes Outline the nucleophilic addition reaction mechanisms
	Carboxylic Acids	Recall the reactions of carboxylic acids and esters
	Acylation	 Outline the mechanism of addition–elimination reactions Prepare and purify a sample of aspirin (RP)
	Amines	 Relate the properties of amines to their structure Outline the nucleophilic substitution and addition reactions
	Aromatic Chemistry	 Describe the structure of the benzene ring and the substitution reactions it undertakes
	Polymers	 Draw the repeating units of condensation polymers Explain the biodegradability of different types of polymers
	Rate equations	 Use the mathematical relationship between rate of reaction and concentration to complete calculations Determine the rate of a reaction practically (RP)
	Equilibrium	 Use the mathematical expression for the equilibrium constant K_p to complete calculations
	Thermodynamics	 Use Born-Haber cycles to calculate enthalpy changes Calculate the entropy change in reactions
	Acids and Bases	 Calculate the pH, [H⁺], [OH⁻] of solutions Investigate how pH changes in reactions (RP) Explain the action of buffer solutions
Spring	Electrode Potentials Transition	 Use E^Θ values to predict the direction of simple redox reactions calculate the EMF of a cell (RP) Describe the commercial applications of electrochemical cells Describe the properties and reactions of the transition metals
	Metals	Explain the formation and shapes of complex ions
	Period 3	 Recall the reactions of period 3 elements with water and oxygen Explain the chemical and physical properties of period 3 oxides
	Reactions of Inorganic	 Carry out simple test-tube reactions to identify transition metal ions in aqueous solution. (RP)
	Amino Acids, Proteins and DNA	 Describe the structure and bonding in these molecules and relate it to their properties



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	Structure determination	Use data from mass spectrometry, infrared spectroscopy, NMR spectroscopy and chromatography (RP) to determine the structures of unknown compounds
	Organic Synthesis	Determine the formation of new organic compounds by multi-step syntheses using reactions included in the specification.
Summer	Revision	Revise content from Year 12 and 13

NB: Where possible some Autumn content will have been covered in the Summer term of year 12