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Year 12 Physics	Content delivered: Topic 1 Units and estimation Topics 3.1.1 – 3.1.4 Electric current Electrical energy transfer Current and voltage Resistivity Topics 5.1.1 - 5.1.2 Wave basics Wave types Topics 5.2.1 – 5.2.4 Wave phase and superposition Stationary waves Diffraction Wave Interference	Content delivered: Topics 3.1.5, 3.1.6 Conduction and resistance Semiconductors Topics 3.2.1 – 3.2.5 Series and parallel circuits Electrical circuit rules Potential dividers Emf and internal resistance Power in electric circuits Topics 5.3.1 – 5.3.5 Refraction Total internal reflection Lenses image formation	Content delivered: Topics 2.1.1 – 2.1.6 Velocity and acceleration Motion graphs Adding forces Moments Newton's Laws of Motion Kinematics equations 5.4.1 – 5.4.4 Wave-particle duality The photoelectric effect Electron diffraction and interference Atomic electron energies	Content delivered: Topics 2.1.7 – 2.1.8 Resolving vectors Projectiles Topics 2.2.1, 2.2.2 Gravitational potential & kinetic energies Work and power Topics 4.1.1 – 4.1.4 Fluids, density and upthrust Fluid movement Drag act Terminal velocity	Content delivered: Topics 2.3.1, 2.3.2 Momentum Conservation of momentum Topics 4.2.1 – 4.2.3 Hooke's Law Stress, strain and the Young Modulus Stress-strain graphs	Content delivered: Topics 6.1.1, 6.1.2 Energy in collisions More collisions Topics 9.1.1, 9.1.2 Heat and temperature Internal energy	
Key Words Level 2 Level 3	Topic 1: Absolute uncertainty, random uncertainty, percentage uncertainty, measurement, reading, judgement, zero error, systematic error, prefix, SI unit, base unit Topics 3.1.1 – 3.1.4: Coulomb, Ampere, Volt, Watt, Ohm, resistance, resistivity, current, potential difference, I-V plot, electron, charge, series, parallel, cross- sectional area Topics 5.1.1, 5.1.2: energy transfer, periodic, oscillation, amplitude, wavelength, frequency, period, peak, trough, equilibrium, medium, transverse, longitudinal, compression, rarefaction Topic 5.2.1 – 5.2.4: interference, superposition, destructive interference, constructive interference, super-crest, phase, phase change, stationary wave, standing wave, first harmonic, second harmonic, third harmonic, Young's slits, diffraction grating	polarisation Topics 3.1.5, 3.1.6: Electric field, EMF, drift velocity, volume, electron density, transport equation, semiconductor, valence band, impurity, conduction band, ion, 'hole', diode, LDR, thermistor, temperature coefficient, superconductor, resistivity, critical temperature Topics 3.2.1 – 3.2.5: current, series, parallel, potential difference, EMF, resistance, Ohm, Kirchoff's current law, Kirchoff's voltage law, conservation of charge, Ohm's Law, potential divider, potentiometer, electromotive force, internal resistance, load, terminal pd, lost volts, electrical work, electrical power, dissipate, efficiency, useful output Topics 5.3.1 – 5.3.4: reflection, refraction, refractive index, optical density, angle of incidence, angle of reflection, angle of refraction, Snell's Law, normal, medium, total internal reflection, critical angle, optical fibre, endoscope, convex, concave, focus, focal point, focal length, virtual focus, image, object, virtual image, upright, inverted, diminished, real image, diverging lens, converging lens, power, dioptre, magnification, object distance, image distance, polarisation, electric field, polarising filter, unpolarised, polaroid filter	Topics 2.1.1 – 2.1.6: rate, speed, displacement, time, velocity, delta, scalar, vector, average speed, instantaneous speed, acceleration, initial, final, displacement-time graph, velocity-time graph, resultant vector, moment, equilibrium, principle of moments, clockwise, anticlockwise, centre of gravity, regular object, irregular object, Newton's First Law, Newton's Seconds Law, Newton's Third Law, reaction, uniform motion, suvat equation, kinematics, acceleration of free-fall 5.4.1 – 5.4.4: Huygen's Principle, wavelet, wavefront, secondary wavefront, photon, wave, particle, quantisation, diffraction, Millikan's Oil Drop Experiment, wave-particle duality, photoelectric effect, photoelectron, work function, threshold frequency, stopping potential, gold-leaf electroscope, electron diffraction, de Broglie wavelength, 2-slit interference, energy level, excitation, de-excitation, ground state, ionisation energy, transition, line spectrum, intensity	Topics 2.1.7 – 2.1.8: resolving, horizontal component, vertical component, vector sum, perpendicular, co-planar, Pythagoras' Theorem, parallelogram rule, free-body diagram projectile, time- of-flight Topics 2.2.1 - 2.2.2: gravitational potential energy, kinetic energy, gravitational field strength, conservation of energy, work done, transfer, dissipation, power, Joule, Watt, efficiency, kilo-, mega-, giga-, tera-, Topics 4.1.1 – 4.1.4: fluid, density, upthrust, Archimedes' Principle, hydrometer, laminar flow, streamline, turbulent flow, Newtonian fluid, non- Newtonian fluid, friction, boundary layer, viscosity, coefficient of viscosity, drag, terminal velocity, Stoke's Law, Stokes' force	Topics 2.3.1, 2.3.2: momentum, mass, velocity, conservation of momentum, Newton's Second Law of motion, recoil velocity, linear, explosion Topics 4.2.1 – 4.2.3: Hooke's Law, tension, compression, extension, limit of proportionality, elastic limit, spring constant, hysteresis, elastic strain energy, force-extension graph, force- compression graph, stress, strain, Young Modulus, stiffness, gradient, elastic region, plastic region	Topics 6.1.1, 6.1.2: momentum, conservation of momentum, impulse, resultant force Topics 9.1.1, 9.1.2: Temperature, heat, kinetic theory, kinetic energy, potential energy, absolute temperature, absolute zero, kelvin, Celsius, internal energy, Maxwell-Boltzmann Distribution, root- mean-square speed	
Where previous knowledge has occurred and future development KS2 → KS3 → KS4 → KS5	KS2: Scientific Enquiry KS3: Energy KS4: Properties of Waves KS5:	KS2: Light KS3: Electricity KS4: Properties of Waves KS5:	KS2: Forces KS3: Speed, distance and time KS4: Particle model KS5:	KS2: Types of energy KS3: Energy conservation KS4: Vectors and scalars KS5:	KS2: Materials KS3: Speed, distance and time KS4: Forces and extension KS5:	KS2: States of matter KS3: Forces and motion KS4: Kinetic theory KS5:	
Common Misconceptions	High electric currents involve electrons that are moving with higher velocity.	Magnifying glasses form a real image that can be projected onto a screen.	The acceleration of falling objects is not independent of mass.	Horizontal and vertical motion of a projectile are not independent.	Objects fired from a cannon do not experience the same force as the cannon itself.	Kinetic energy of particles and kinetic energy of a macroscopic object are linked.	
Literacy	Required practical write-ups. Completion of extended writing exam questions. NHTW grids completed.	Required practical write-ups. Completion of extended writing exam questions. NHTW grids completed.	Required practical write-ups. Completion of extended writing exam questions. NHTW grids completed.	Required practical write-ups. Completion of extended writing exam questions. NHTW grids completed.	Required practical write-ups. Completion of extended writing exam questions. NHTW grids completed.	Required practical write-ups. Completion of extended writing exam questions. NHTW grids completed.	
Numeracy	Rearranging and substituting into equations. Converting between units.	Rearranging and substituting into equations. Converting between units. Estimation of quantities. Use of	Rearranging and substituting into equations. Converting between units.	Rearranging and substituting into equations. Converting between units. Estimation of quantities Application of	Plotting and reading from graphs. Measurement of gradients and area under the line.		

	Estimation of qua	timation of quantities. Reading a reciprocals in rearranging the lens			Estimation of qua	antities. Use of non-	Pythagoras' Theorem, calculation of					
	vernier scale.		formula. Measur	ement of angles.	familiar units and	familiar units and quantities.		volume of a sphere. Scale drawing				
		Constructing a normal to a surface.										
Homework	Completion of Do	oddle section quizzes	Completion of Doddle section quizzes		Completion of Doddle section quizzes		Completion of Doddle section quizzes		Completion of Doddle section quizzes		Completion of Doddle section quizzes	
Assessment this half-term			Mini test 3.2.1 - 5		Mini test 2.1.1 - 6		Mini test 2.1.7 - 8		Mini test 4.2.1 - 3		Mock exams – 2 x paper 1	
			СРЗ, СР6		CP1		CP4		CP5			
Career opportunities	LIFE SKILLS: Reading accurate measuring		LIFE SKILLS: Understanding how		LIFE SKILLS: Quantitative understanding		LIFE SKILLS: Understanding of why		LIFE SKILLS: Understanding why some		LIFE SKILLS: How do safety features such	
Employment Links	equipment		electrical applian	ces work	of trajectories in	ball games etc.	vehicles have a n	naximum speed	things 'give' bef	ore breaking.	as seatbelts, cra	sh helmets and airbags
	EMPLOYMENT: Sound engineer		EMPLOYMENT: Optician		EMPLOYMENT: Civil engineer		EMPLOYMENT: Architect		EMPLOYMENT: Materials scientist		work?	
												/ehicle safety inspector
Enrichment											CERN Trip	
Practical activities/HSW	Simple pendulum & materials kit		Series and parallel circuits		CP1 – Acceleration due to free-fall		CP4 – Viscosity of a liquid		CP5 – Young's modulus			
	CP2 – Resistivity		CP3 – Emf and in									
	CP8 – Measure wavelength of		CP6 – Speed of se	ound								
	CP7 – Melde's experiment (waves on											
	string) laser light											
Employability Skills	<mark>Aiming high</mark>	Literacy	<mark>Aiming high</mark>	Literacy	<mark>Aiming high</mark>	Literacy	<mark>Aiming high</mark>	Literacy	<mark>Aiming high</mark>	Literacy	<mark>Aiming high</mark>	Literacy
	Creativity	Numeracy	Creativity	Numeracy	Creativity	Numeracy	Creativity	Numeracy	Creativity	Numeracy	Creativity	Numeracy
	Leadership	Independence	Leadership	Independence	Leadership	Independence	Leadership	Independence	Leadership	Independence	Leadership	Independence
	Listening	Communication	Listening	Communication	Listening	Communication	Listening	Communication	Listening	Communication	Listening	Communication
	Presenting	Teamwork	Presenting	Teamwork	Presenting	Teamwork	Presenting	Teamwork	Presenting	Teamwork	Presenting	Teamwork
	Problem solving	Staying positive		Staying positive	Problem solving	Staying positive	U	Staying positive		Staying positive	Problem solving	7 81
IT Skills	IT1 & IT2: Appropriate websites and		IT1 & IT2: Appropriate websites and		IT1 & IT2: Appropriate websites and		IT1 & IT2: Appropriate websites and		IT1 & IT2: Appropriate websites and			priate websites and
	research for homework as well as recall		research for homework as well as recall		research for homework as well as recall		research for homework as well as recall		research for homework as well as recall		research for homework as well as recall	
	quizzes		quizzes		quizzes		quizzes		quizzes		quizzes	
Notes/developments												
/standardisation comments												