## **Curriculum Overview**

Subject: BTEC Applied Science

Year Group: 13



Advancement in science and technology has produced great benefits for society. This advancement depends on research and investigative approaches in science and technology. In research, development, analytical and industrial laboratories, laboratory technicians and scientists are employed to safely carry out practical investigations, or follow prescribed laboratory procedures. They repeat measurements to obtain consistent, reliable results. They use investigative skills, including planning, recording and interpreting data, analysing and evaluating findings in order to test a hypothesis to inform further research and development.

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TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3	
NOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	KNOWLEDGE/SKILLS	
Init 3 – Investigative skills	Unit 6 – Investigative project	This term sees the completion of Unit 8 and 6	
n this unit, students develop the essential skills	In this unit, students carry out an investigative		
nderpinning practical scientific investigations.	project that they have chosen in collaboration	Students who have opted to resit the externally	
hese skills will be delivered through subject	with the teacher. They choose one topic area	examined units are then prepared for these resits	
nemes ranging from enzymes and diffusion to	of interest and this will form the basis of your	following a bespoke revision programme.	
lectrical circuits. The subject themes provide	investigative project. They carry out a		
lifferent contexts for the development of the	scientific literature search and review,		
nvestigative skills.	considering the project's aims and objectives,		
	then produce a realistic plan and carry out the		
Init 5 – principles and Applications of Science	project safely using a range of scientific		
I	investigation skills.		
his unit includes: properties, uses and			
roduction of some inorganic compounds;	Unit 8 – Physiology of human body systems		
tructures, reactions and properties of	The human body is a complex mix of organs		
ommercially important organic compounds;	and organ systems. Knowledge of how they		
nthalpy changes; the cardiovascular system;	function to maintain human life is an essential		
entilation and gas exchange in the lungs;	part of the study of human physiology. In this		
rinary system structure and function; cell	unit, students will focus on three body		
ransport mechanisms; thermal physics; physical	systems: musculoskeletal, lymphatic and		
properties of materials; and fluids in motion.	digestive.		
	Each one is examined as a functioning unit,		
	identifying their structure and function. By		
	exploring the anatomy of these systems,		
	through experimentation and use of		
	simulations, you will develop your knowledge		
	and understanding of their role in the human		

body.

KEY ASSESSMENTS	Students will also give attention to understanding the implications of what happens when the systems fail to work properly and the available treatments.  KEY ASSESSMENTS	KEY ASSESSMENTS
Half term 1: Topic tests Unit 3 (Enzymes, Circuits) Unit 5 (Chemistry, Biology, Physics)	Half term 1: Externally assessment units Jan; Unit 3 Unit 5	Half term 1: Internally assessed assignments Unit 6 (6C, 6D) Unit 8 (8A)
Half term 2: Internal PPE exams Unit 3 Unit 5	Half term 2: Internally assessed assignments Unit 6 (6A, 6B) Unit 8 (8B, 8C)	Half term 2: Practice papers for any resit opportunities

Extended reading suggestions and external resources: Exam board – details of specification

https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/btec-nationals/applied-science-2016.html

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