

Holy Family Catholic High School

Year 10

Curriculum and Assessment Progression Map

Subject: Combined Science Biology

Subject Leader D Wilde

Key Learning Constructs to be developed	Scheme of Learning	Scheme of Learning	Scheme of Learning
over the academic year. – Core Knowledge	Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
*Pathogens are microorganisms such as	Part 1	Part 3	Part 5 Homeostasis and Response – The
viruses and bacteria that cause infectious	Infection and Response – Defence against	Bioenergetics - Photosynthesis	Nervous System and Temperature
diseases in animals and plants. They depend	disease		Regulation
on their host to provide the conditions and			
nutrients that they need to grow and			
reproduce. They frequently produce toxins			
that damage tissues and make us feel ill.			
This section will explore how we can avoid			
diseases by reducing contact with them, as			
well as how the body uses barriers against			
pathogens. Once inside the body our			
immune system is triggered which is usually			
strong enough to destroy the pathogen and			
prevent disease. When at risk from unusual			
or dangerous diseases our body's natural			
system can be enhanced by the use of			
vaccination. Since the 1940s a range of			
antibiotics have been developed which have			
proved successful against a number of lethal		Part 4	Part 6
diseases caused by bacteria. Unfortunately	Part 2	Bioenergetics - Respiration and Response to	The Endocrine System
many groups of bacteria have now become	Plant Diseases and Defence	Exercise	Plant Hormones
resistant to these antibiotics. The race is			
now on to develop a new set of antibiotics			
*Plants harness the Sun's energy in			
photosynthesis in order to make food. This			
process liberates oxygen which has built up			
over millions of years in the Earth's			
atmosphere. Both animals and plants use			
this oxygen to oxidise food in a process			
called aerobic respiration which transfers			
the energy that the organism needs to			
perform its functions. Conversely, anaerobic			
respiration does not require oxygen to			
transfer energy. During vigorous exercise			
the human body is unable to supply the cells			
with sufficient oxygen and it switches to			
anaerobic respiration. This process will			
supply energy but also causes the build-up			
of lactic acid in muscles which causes			
fatigue.			
*Cells in the body can only survive within			
narrow physical and chemical limits. They			
require a constant temperature and pH as			

well as a constant supply of dissolved food and water. In order to do this the body requires control systems that constantly monitor and adjust the composition of the blood and tissues. These control systems include receptors which sense changes and effectors that bring about changes. *The nervous system brings about fast responses. The hormonal system usually brings about much slower changes. Hormonal coordination is particularly important in reproduction since it controls the menstrual cycle. An understanding of the role of hormones in reproduction has allowed scientists to develop not only contraceptive drugs but also drugs which can increase fertility.				
Hinterland Knowledge	Real examples of the APPLICATION of the content studied (eg Irish potato famine)	Real examples of the APPLICATION of the content studied (eg brewing/wine – making)	Real examples of the APPLICATION of the content studied (eg how drugs affect the nervous system)	
Assessment: -Formative Techniques	Use of whiteboards, hinge questions, recall questions.			
-Summative Pieces	End of Topic Tests	End of Topic Tests	End of Topic Tests and End of Year Assessment	
Key Vocabulary	Key scientific terminology appropriate to each topic studied	Key scientific terminology appropriate to each topic studied	Key scientific terminology appropriate to each topic studied	
Key Skills	Working Scientifically, relevant mathematical techniques (percentages, mean, mode, median etc) Graph plotting skills. Understanding variables and anomalies and their causes and effects	Working Scientifically, relevant mathematical techniques (percentages, mean, mode, median etc) Graph plotting skills. Understanding variables and anomalies and their causes and effects	Working Scientifically, relevant mathematical techniques (percentages, mean, mode, median etc) Graph plotting skills. Understanding variables and anomalies and their causes and effects	
Opportunities Outside the taught Curriculum.	Careers, STEAM enrichment activities, educational visits	Careers, STEAM enrichment activities, educational visits	Careers, STEAM enrichment activities, educational visits	