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Key Stage 5 (A Level Biology)

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## Autumn Term 1

#### **Biological molecules**

- Monomers
- Carbohydrates
- Lipids
- Proteins

#### **Cell structure**

- Structure of eukaryotic cells
- Structure of prokaryotic cells
- Methods of studying cells

## Autumn Term 2

#### **Biological molecules**

- Proteins as enzymes
- Structure of RNA and DNA
- DNA replication

#### Cell structure

- Mitosis
- Transport across cell membranes
- Cell recognition and immune system

# Spring Term 1

#### **Biological molecules**

- ATP
- Water
- Inorganic molecules
- DNA, genes and chromosomes
- DNA and protein synthesis

# Spring Term 2

- Genetic diversity
- Genetic diversity and adaptation
- Species and taxonomy
- Biodiversity within a community
- Surface area to volume ratio
- Gas exchange
- Digestion and absorption
- Mass transport in animals

### Summer Term 1

- Investigating diversity
- Mass transport in plants

### Summer Term 2

• Work experience & Academy exams





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# Autumn Term 1

- Genetics
- Monohybrid and dihybrid crosses
- Linkage, Epistasis
- Chi-squared test
- Hardy Weinberg principle
- Variation and selection
- Speciation and genetic drift
- Variation in population size
- Investigating populations
- Mutations and mutagenic agents
- Conservation Evidence and Data
- Interpreting data on cancer

### Autumn Term 2

- Cancer
- Stem cells and stem cells in medicine
- Regulation of transcription and translation
- Epigenetic control of gene expression
- Evaluating data on phenotypes
- Genome projects
- Making and amplifying DNA fragments
- Recombinant DNA technology and gene therapy
- Gene probes and medical diagnosis
- Genetic fingerprinting
- Photosynthesis, respiration and energy
- Photosynthesis and light dependent reaction
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- Limiting factors in photosynthesis
- Aerobic and anaerobic respiration

# Spring Term 1

- Mitochondrial reactions
- respiration experiments
- Energy transfer in ecosystems
- Farming practices and production
- Nutrient cycles and eutrophication
- Survival and response
- Nervous communication
- Responses in plants
- Receptors
- Control of heart rate

## Spring Term 2

- Neurones
- Synaptic transmission
- Muscle structure and muscle contraction
- Homeostasis
- Control of blood glucose concentration
- Diabetes and blood glucose concentration
- The kidneys
- Controlling blood water potential

## Summer Term 1

- Revision
- Final Exams

### Summer Term 2