



Year 11 Biology Curriculum Summary



YEAR GROUP: 11 LETCH

When?	Knowledge	Understanding	Assessment
When? Reproduc tion	 Knowledge Will be able to: Compare sexual and asexual reproduction Describe meiosis and explain its role in genetic variation Describe what is meant by dominant and recessive alleles and use punnet squares to predict what alleles an organisms will inherit. Describe human genetic disorders and how embryos can be screened for these disorders. 	UnderstandingStudents will carry out a range of practical experiments during these topics.Reproduction key vocabulary: alleles asexual reproduction carriers cystic fibrosis 	Assessment: Assessment: Reproduction Assessment
Variation	Will be able to:	sex chromosomes sexual reproduction	
variation and Evolution	 Explain what causes variation in a population Describe and explain how natural selection work and how this ensures that only the best adapted organisms will survive. Describe what is meant by 	of practical experiments during these topics. Variation and Evolution key vocabulary: mutation natural selection selective breeding	Assessment: Genetics and Reproduction Assessment



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	 selective breeding and the risks and benefits of selective breeding. Describe how organisms can be genetically engineered and the potential benefits and risks involved in genetic engineering. 		
		Students will carry out a range	
Genetics	Will be able to:	of practical experiments during	Assessment:
and Evolution	• Describe the process by which fossils are formed	these topics.	Genetics and Reproduction Assessment
Evolution	 Describe how we can use the 		
	 Describe now we can use the fossil record to reveal how organisms have evolved and to reveal how organism can go extinct. Explain the role which mutation plays in the development of antibiotic resistant bacteria and how people can reduce antibiotic resistance. Use the Linnaeus system, the Three Domain system and evolutionary trees to classify organisms. 	Genetics and Evolution key vocabulary: archaea classification domain evolutionary trees extinction species	
adantatio	Will be able to: • Explain how organisms in an	Students will carry out a range of practical experiments during	
adaptatio	• Explain how organisms in an	of practical experiments during	



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ns, interdepe ndence and competiti on	 ecosystem are interdependent. Describe the abiotic and biotic factors that affect communities. Carry out a practical to investigate the population size of a common species in a habitat. Describe the things which animals and plants compete for and the ways which they have adapted to successfully compete. 	these topics. adaptations, interdependence and competition key vocabulary: abundance adaptations community competition distribution extremophile interdependence mean median mode quadrat quantitative sampling range sample size transect	Assessment: Ecology Assessment
Organisi ng an Ecosyste m	 Will be able to: Describe the main feeding relationships within a community. Describe the decay cycle, water cycle and carbon cycle and explain their importance in an ecosystem. 	Students will carry out a range of practical experiments during these topics. Organising an Ecosystem Key vocabulary: biomass carbon cycle decomposers primary consumer	Assessment: Ecology Assessment



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		producers secondary consumer	
Biodivers ity and Ecosyste ms	 Will be able to: Explain what is meant by biodiversity and why it is important. Describe how human activities pollute the land, water and air. Describe what is meant by deforestation and its impact on biodiversity. Explain how global warming could affect life on earth Describe ways which humans are trying to maintain biodiversity. 	Students will carry out a range of practical experiments during these topics. Biodiversity and Ecosystems key vocabulary: Biodiversity	Assessment: Ecology Assessment