



Dallam School

Curriculum Overview

Department: Chemistry
Year Group: 12

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Foundations in chemistry	Periodic table and energy	Core organic chemistry		Practical skills
Master the prerequisite chemical concepts for all further chemistry study	Examine periodic trends and physical chemistry within the theme of energy	Explore the applications of organic chemistry in everyday life		Learn how chemists work in practice
By the end of this topic pupils will know (<i>key knowledge, including tier 3 vocabulary</i>)				
Atoms and reactions <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Isotopes are atoms of the same element with different numbers of neutrons and different masses.➤ Definitions of relative isotopic mass and relative atomic mass.➤ Names and formulae of common ions.➤ The mole as the unit for amount of substance.➤ The formula of common acids and neutralisation reactions.➤ Oxidation is the process of electron loss. Reduction is the process of electron gain.➤ Rules for calculating oxidation numbers and naming using Roman Numerals. Electrons, bonding, and structure <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The number of electrons that can fill the first four shells.➤ The rules for filling atomic orbitals.➤ Ionic bonding as the electrostatic attraction between positive and negative ions.➤ Covalent bonding as the strong electrostatic attraction between shared pairs of electrons and the nuclei of bonded atoms.	The periodic table <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The structure of the periodic table.➤ Periodic trends in electron configuration and ionisation energy.➤ The definition of first ionisation energy.➤ Metallic bonding as strong electrostatic attraction between cations and delocalised electrons.➤ Redox reactions and reactivity of Group 2 metals.➤ Reactions of Group 2 compounds.➤ Characteristics and physical properties of the halogens.➤ Reactions and reactivity of halogens and their compounds.➤ Characteristics and reactions of halide ions.➤ Qualitative tests for ions on a test tube scale. Physical chemistry <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Enthalpy changes - ΔH of reaction, formation combustion and neutralisation.➤ Bond enthalpies.➤ Hess' Law for construction of enthalpy cycles.	Basic concepts and hydrocarbons <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ IUPAC rules of nomenclature for systematically naming organic compounds.➤ Types of isomerism.➤ Types of covalent bond fission.➤ Reaction mechanisms for homolytic fission and heterolytic fission.➤ Dot notation for radical mechanisms.➤ Properties and reactions of alkanes.➤ Properties and reactions of alkenes including stereoisomerism, addition reactions, Markownikoff's rule, and polymerisation. Alcohols, haloalkanes and analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Properties and reactions of alcohols, including combustion, oxidation, elimination, and substitution.➤ Substitution reactions of haloalkanes.➤ The mechanism for nucleophilic substitution.➤ Environmental concerns from the use of organohalogen compounds.➤ Infrared radiation causes covalent bonds to vibrate more and absorb energy.		<i>NB: this topic is taught concurrently with, and to support other topics in year 1 and 2.</i> Techniques and procedures <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Mole determination.➤ Acid base titrations.➤ Enthalpy determination.➤ Qualitative analysis of ions.➤ Synthesis of an organic liquid.➤ Synthesis of an organic solid.➤ Qualitative analysis of organic functional groups.➤ Electrochemical cells.➤ Rates of reaction – continuous monitoring method.➤ Rates of reaction – initial rates method.➤ pH measurement.➤ Research skills. Keywords <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ accurate, precise, uncertainty, error, measurement, reading, parallax, systematic, random, order of magnitude, estimate,

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The shapes of simple molecules and ions. ➤ Electronegativity as the ability of an atom to attract bonding electrons in a covalent bond. ➤ Intermolecular forces based on dipole-dipole interactions including van der Waals' forces and London forces. <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ isotopes, protons, neutrons, ionic, atomic number, relative isotopic mass, relative atomic mass, relative molecular mass, relative formula mass, mole, molar mass, molar gas volume, anhydrous, empirical, stoichiometric, oxidation, reduction ➤ energy level, shell, sub-shell, orbital, spin, dipole, polar, intermolecular, hydrogen bonding, lone pair, electronegativity 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Simple collision theory and the role of catalysts in reducing activation energy. ➤ The Boltzmann distribution model of particle energies. ➤ The meaning of dynamic equilibrium in closed systems. ➤ Le Chatelier's principle. ➤ Expressions for the equilibrium constant K_c. <p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ period, group, trend, ionisation energy, delocalised, diatomic, disproportionation, precipitation reaction ➤ enthalpy, activation energy, cycle, collision theory, catalyst, homogeneous, heterogeneous, Boltzmann distribution, dynamic equilibrium, equilibrium constant 		<p>Keywords</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ homologous series, functional group, alkyl group, aliphatic, alicyclic, aromatic, saturated, isomerism, radical, curly arrow, homolytic, heterolytic, electrophile, polymerisation ➤ polarity, volatility, nucleophile, radicals, aldehyde, ketone, carboxylic acid, spectroscopy, spectrum 	
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<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How evidence has led to changes in the accepted models of atomic structure over time.➤ The use of mass spectrometry in determining the relative abundances of isotopes.➤ The terms empirical and molecular formula.➤ A qualitative explanation of strong and weak acids in terms of relative dissociations.➤ How to interpret redox equations to make predictions.➤ The role of electrons in ionic and covalent bonding.➤ Models to explain intermolecular bonding.➤ How bonding and structure contribute to the properties of substances.➤ How to use electron pair repulsion to explain the shapes of molecules and ions.➤ How polar bonds and polar molecules arise.➤ The anomalous properties of water resulting from hydrogen bonding.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The trends in first ionisation energy across Periods 2 and 3 and down a group.➤ How to explain the trend in reactivity of Group 2 metals.➤ Uses of Group 2 compounds as bases, and their applications in agriculture.➤ How to explain the trend in reactivity of the halogens.➤ The benefits and risks of the use of chlorine in water treatment.➤ Exothermic and endothermic reactions in terms of enthalpy changes associated with breaking and making of chemical bonds.➤ How to construct and interpret enthalpy profile diagrams to show differences in the enthalpy of reactants compared with products.➤ How to explain the effects of concentration and gas pressure on the rate of reaction using simple collision theory.➤ The economic importance and sustainability benefits of catalysts.➤ How to use the Boltzmann distribution model to explain the effect of temperature change and use of catalysts on the rate of reaction.➤ How to use le Chatelier's principle to deduce the effect of a change in temperature, pressure, or concentration on the position of equilibrium.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How to interpret and draw general, structural, displayed, and skeletal formula.➤ How the absorption of infrared radiation by atmospheric gases drives the greenhouse effect.➤ How to interpret an infrared spectrum of an organic compound to identify specific absorption peaks.➤ How infrared spectroscopy is used to monitor gases causing air pollution and in modern breathalysers.➤ How to interpret a mass spectrum of an organic compound to identify molecular ion peaks and determine molecular mass.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ How to use appropriate apparatus to record a range of measurements including mass, time, volume, and temperature.➤ How to use a water bath and electric heater.➤ How to measure pH using charts, pH meters, or pH probe on a data logger.➤ How to use a volumetric flask to make up a standard solution.➤ How to select and use acid-base indicators in titrations.➤ How to purify a solid product by recrystallisation.➤ How to use melting point apparatus.➤ How to use thin layer chromatography.➤ How to set up electrochemical cells and measure voltage.➤ How to safely handle solids and liquids which are corrosive, irritant, flammable, and / or toxic.➤ How to measure rates of reaction through a clock method and continuous monitoring.➤ How to assess experimental uncertainties.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Determine the number of protons, neutrons, and electrons in atoms and ions.➤ Calculate relative molecular mass and relative formula mass from relative atomic masses.➤ Write the formulae of ionic compounds from ionic charges.➤ Write balanced chemical equations for unfamiliar reactions given appropriate information.➤ Determine the formula of a hydrated salt from data and experimental results.➤ Calculate chemical quantities using the concept of amount of substance, including those involving mass, gas volume, solution volume and concentration.➤ Prepare standard solutions of required concentration and carry out acid-base titrations.➤ Write formulae using oxidation numbers.➤ Deduce the electronic configuration of atoms and ions up to Z=36 using letters and numbers.➤ Use dot-and-cross diagrams to explain ionic and covalent bonding.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Test for common ions and anions on a test-tube scale.➤ Determine the enthalpy change of reactions through experimental means.➤ Use techniques and procedures for investigating reaction rates.➤ Calculate enthalpy changes and related quantities.➤ Calculate K_c from provided equilibrium concentrations.➤ Estimate the position of the equilibrium from the magnitude of K_c.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Use curly arrows to demonstrate electron flow in organic reactions.➤ Use Quickfit apparatus for distillation and heating under reflux.➤ Prepare and purify an organic liquid.➤ Devise two-stage synthetic routes for preparing organic compounds.➤ Deduce the structure of organic compounds from a range of analytical data.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Follow written instructions to carry out experimental techniques or procedures.➤ Select appropriate instrumentation to carry out investigative procedures and use suitable measurement strategies to ensure accurate results.➤ Work methodically, in sequence, identifying practical issues and adjusting when necessary.➤ Identify and control significant quantitative variables, and plan to take account of variables that cannot readily be controlled.➤ Identify hazards and assess risks associated with these hazards.➤ Obtain accurate, precise, and sufficient data and record this methodically in a logbook using appropriate units and conventions.➤ Use appropriate software / tools to process data, carry out research and report findings.➤ Cite sources of information to demonstrate that research has taken place, supporting planning and conclusions.	



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Explore the processes used to synthesise organic molecules and the techniques used to identify and understand their structures.

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Rates of reaction

- Rate of reaction is defined as the change in concentration of a substance in unit time.
- A rate equation relates mathematically the rate of reaction to the concentration of the reactants.
- Reaction orders are integer numbers 0, 1, 2.
- The slowest step in a reaction is called the rate-determining step.
- The Arrhenius equation for the relationship between temperature and rate constant.
- Equation for calculating the equilibrium constants K_c and K_p .
- The partial pressure of a gas in a mixture is the pressure that the gas would have if it alone occupied the volume occupied by the whole mixture.

Acids, bases and buffers

- A Brønsted-Lowry acid is defined as a substance that can donate a proton.
- A Brønsted-Lowry base is defined as a substance that can accept a proton.
- Expressions for calculating pH, the acid dissociation constant K_a , and the ionic product of water K_w .
- Strong acids completely dissociate whilst weak acids only slightly dissociate when dissolved in water, giving an equilibrium mixture.
- A buffer solution is one where the pH does not change significantly if small amounts of acid or alkali are added to it.
- A carbonic acid – hydrogen carbonate equilibrium acts as a buffer in the control of blood pH.
- Types of titration curves.

Enthalpy

- Definitions of enthalpy change including formation, atomisation, sublimation, hydration, solution, ionisation, and electron affinity.

Structure, reactions, and synthesis of organic compounds

- The structure of benzene including the Kekulé model and delocalised model.
- IUPAC rules of nomenclature for systematically naming substitute aromatic compounds.
- The mechanisms of electrophilic substitution and nucleophilic addition.
- The properties and reactions of phenols.
- The reactions and characteristic tests for carbonyl compounds.
- The properties and reactions of carboxylic acids and esters.
- The basicity and preparation of amines.
- Reactions of amino acids.
- Structure of amides.
- Condensation polymerisation reactions to form polyesters and polyamides and the acid base hydrolysis of ester and amide groups in these polymers.
- Reactions used to increase the length of a carbon chain including the formation of $C \equiv C$, reactions of nitriles, alkylation, and acylation.
- Practical techniques preparation and purification of organic compounds including distillation, reflux, purification of organic liquids, purification of organic solids (recrystallisation), and measurement of melting and boiling points.

Analysis

- Types of chromatography.
- Qualitative tests for organic functional groups including alkenes, haloalkanes, phenols, carbonyl compounds, aldehydes, primary and secondary alcohols and aldehydes, and carboxylic acids.
- Different types of NMR spectroscopy (carbon-13 and proton).

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How to deduce the order from a concentration-time graph. ➤ The effect of temperature of the rate constant. ➤ Different techniques for investigating rates of reaction (mass change, colorimetry, electrical conductivity, optical activity). ➤ The effect of changing conditions on the value of K_c or K_p and the position of equilibrium. ➤ The role of H^+ in the reactions of acids with metals and bases. ➤ How to calculate the pH of strong / weak acids / bases, and pure water. ➤ The circumstances under which K_a approximations break down. ➤ How buffer solutions and indicator solutions work. ➤ How to interpret titration curves. ➤ How to construct and interpret Born-Haber cycles. ➤ How to use balanced chemical equations to predict changes in entropy. ➤ The effect of temperature on the feasibility of a reaction. ➤ How to balance redox equations and combine half equations. ➤ How to use electrode potentials to predict the feasibility of a redox reaction. ➤ Advantages and limitations of fuel cells. ➤ How cisplatin is used as an anticancer drug. ➤ Biochemical importance of ligand substitution in haemoglobin. ➤ Transition elements show variable oxidation state. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ How to use reaction mechanisms to explain organic reactions. ➤ How acyl chlorides are used in the synthesis and formation of esters and carboxylic acids. ➤ How to identify chiral centres in a molecule and explain optical isomerism. ➤ How to apply the mechanisms of nucleophilic substitution and nucleophilic addition to formation of $C\equiv N$. ➤ How Friedel Crafts reactions introduce a reactive functional group onto the benzene ring. ➤ How to describe multi-stage synthetic routes for preparing organic compounds. ➤ Use Quickfit apparatus for distillation and heating under reflux. ➤ Purify organic solids using techniques of filtration under reduced pressure, recrystallisation, and measurement of melting points. ➤ How to analyse carbon-13 NMR spectra of organic molecules. ➤ How to analysis high resolution proton NMR spectra to determine possible structures for the molecule. ➤ The choices of solvents used in NMR. ➤ How TMS is used to calibrate an NMR spectrum. ➤ How to combine the techniques of elemental analysis, mass spectra, IR spectra and NMR spectra to deduce the structures of organic compounds.
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Calculate the rate constant from a rate equation. ➤ Calculate rates of reaction from concentration-time graphs. ➤ Calculate orders from experimental initial rate data. ➤ Calculate orders when two reactant concentrations are changed simultaneously. ➤ Calculate K_c and K_p and their units. ➤ Calculate K_a, K_w, and pH. ➤ Calculate the pH of a buffer and how this changes upon additional of small volumes of acid or alkali. ➤ Construct a pH curve. ➤ Select a suitable indicator when conducting titrations. ➤ Calculate Gibbs free energy change ΔG, and entropy change ΔS of reactions. ➤ Carry out redox titrations for thiosulfate and manganate. ➤ Measure cell potentials. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Prepare and purify organic compounds using techniques including distillation, reflux, recrystallisation. ➤ Determine the purity of an organic compound through measurement of the measurement of melting or boiling points. ➤ Interpret TLC chromatograms in terms of R_f values. ➤ Interpret gas chromatograms in terms of retention times, including the creation and use of external calibration curves.