



Topic Name	Term	Skills Developed	Next link in curriculum	Other Notes
Joints, movements and muscles	Autumn	• Knowledge of the shoulder, elbow, wrist, hip, knee and ankle joints – including type of joint, articulating bones, controlling muscles and movements. • Planes of movement – frontal, transverse, sagittal. • Types of contraction • Functional roles of muscles. • Analysis of movement. • Skeletal muscle contraction • Muscle contraction during exercise of differing intensities and during recovery	• Tracker test, End of year examination. • Used in the EAPI assessment. • Links ATP and Energy Systems covered in Year 13.	Extension from work covered in OCR GCSE theory. Cross-curricular links – biology.
Cardiovascular system at rest Cardiovascular system during exercise of differing intensities and during recovery	Autumn	• The relationship between and resting values for heart rate, stroke volume and cardiac output. • The cardiac cycle – diastole and systole. • The conduction system of the heart linked to the cardiac cycle. • The effects of exercise and recovery on heart rate, stroke volume and cardiac output. • Redistribution of cardiac output during differing intensities of exercise and during recovery (vascular shunt mechanism) • Mechanisms of venous return. • Regulation of heart rate during exercise.	• Tracker test, End of year examination. • Used in the EAPI assessment. • Calculations • Links to Environmental Factors covered in Year 13.	Extension from work covered in OCR GCSE theory. Cross-curricular links – biology, mathematics.



Respiratory system at rest Respiratory system during exercise of differing intensities and during recovery	Autumn	- Relationship between resting values – breathing frequency, tidal volume, minute ventilation. - Mechanics of breathing at rest. - Effects of differing intensities of exercise and recovery on breathing frequency, tidal volume and minute ventilation. - Mechanics of breathing during differing intensities of exercise. - Regulation of breathing during exercise of different intensities and during recovery- neural and chemical control - Gaseous exchange – effects of differing intensities of exercise and recovery.	- Tracker test, End of year examination. - Used in the EAPI assessment. - Calculations - Links to Environmental Factors covered in Year 13.	Extension from work covered in OCR GCSE theory. Cross-curricular links – biology, mathematics.
Diet and nutrition	Spring	- The function and importance of the components of a healthy, balanced diet. - Energy intake and expenditure and energy balance in physical activity and performance.	- Tracker test, End of year examination. - Used in the EAPI assessment. - Calculations	Extension from work covered in OCR GCSE theory. Cross-curricular links – biology, mathematics, food technology, health and social care.
Ergogenic Aids	Spring	Use of ergogenic aids, potential benefits and risks.	Tracker test, End of year examination.	



Aerobic training	Spring	• Definitions of aerobic capacity and maximal oxygen uptake. • Factors (e.g. gender) affecting VO₂ max. • Methods of evaluating aerobic capacity. • Training to develop aerobic capacity. • Use of target heart rates as an intensity guide. • Physiological adaptations from aerobic training. • Activities and sports in which aerobic capacity is a key fitness component.	• Tracker test, End of year examination. • Used in the EAPI assessment. • Calculations	Extension from work covered in OCR GCSE theory.
Strength training	Spring	• Types of strength (e.g. strength endurance). • Factors (e.g. fibre type) affecting strength. • Methods of evaluating strength. • Training to develop strength. • Physiological adaptations from strength training. • Activities and sports in which strength is a key fitness component.	• Tracker test, End of year examination. • Used in the EAPI assessment.	Extension from work covered in OCR GCSE theory.
Flexibility training	Spring	• Types of flexibility (e.g. static). • Factors (e.g. fibre type) affecting flexibility. • Methods of evaluating flexibility. • Training to develop flexibility. • Physiological adaptations from flexibility training. • Activities and sports in which flexibility is a key fitness component.	• Tracker test, End of year examination. • Used in the EAPI assessment.	Extension from work covered in OCR GCSE theory.



Periodisation of training	Spring	• Periodisation cycles – macrocycle, mesocycle and microcycle. • Phases of training. • Tapering to optimise performance. • Planning a health and fitness programme for aerobic, strength and flexibility training.	• Tracker test, End of year examination. • Used in the EAPI assessment.	
Impact of training on lifestyle diseases	Summer	• The effects of training on lifestyle diseases – CHD, stroke, atherosclerosis, heart attack, asthma and COPD	• Tracker test, End of year examination. • Used in the EAPI assessment.	Cross-curricular links – biology, health and social care.
Biomechanics	Summer	• Define and apply Newton's laws of motion. • Forces • Levers • Analysing movement through the use of technology.	• Tracker test, End of year examination. • Used in the EAPI assessment. • Links to Biomechanics covered in Year 13.	Cross-curricular links –physics, mathematics.