



| Topic Name                  | Term     | Skills Developed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Link to NC Subject Content                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Next link in curriculum | Other Notes                                 |
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| 3.3.8 Aldehydes and Ketones | Autumn 1 | <p><b>AT b, d and k</b></p> <p><b>PS 2.2</b></p> <p>Students could carry out test-tube reactions of Tollens' reagent and Fehling's solution to distinguish aldehydes and ketones.</p> <p><b>Students should be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• write overall equations for reduction reactions using [H] as the reductant</li><li>• outline the nucleophilic addition mechanism for reduction with NaBH<sub>4</sub>, nucleophile shown as H<sup>-</sup></li><li>• write overall equations for the formation of hydroxynitriles</li><li>• outline the nucleophilic addition mechanism for the reaction with KCN followed by dilute acid</li><li>• explain why nucleophilic addition reactions of KCN, followed by dilute acid, can produce a mixture of enantiomers.</li></ul> | <p>Tollens' gives a silver mirror with aldehydes and Fehling's changes from blue to red/orange</p> <p>Reduction of aldehydes</p> <p>The nucleophilic addition reactions of carbonyl compounds with KCN, followed by dilute acid, to produce hydroxynitriles.</p> <p>Aldehydes and unsymmetrical ketones form mixtures of enantiomers when they react with KCN followed by dilute acid.</p> <p>The hazards of using KCN.</p> | Organic Synthesis       | Building on knowledge from AS Alcohols Unit |



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| 3.3.9 Carboxylic Acids and Derivatives | Autumn 1 | <p><b>AT b, d, g and k</b><br/><b>PS 4.1</b><br/>Students could make esters by reacting alcohols with carboxylic acids, purifying the product using a separating funnel and by distillation.</p> <p><b>AT b, d, g, h and k</b><br/>Students could identify an ester by measuring its boiling point, followed by hydrolysis to form the carboxylic acid, which is purified by recrystallisation, and determine its melting point.</p> <p><b>AT b, c, d and k</b><br/>Students could make soap.</p> <p><b>AT b and k</b><br/>Students could make biodiesel.</p> | <p>Esterification Reactions</p> <p>Ester Hydrolysis</p> <p>Alkaline hydrolysis of fats to give soap and glycerol.</p> <p>Biodiesel is produced by reacting vegetable oils with methanol in the presence of a catalyst.</p> | Organic Synthesis | Carboxylic Acids met previously in AS Alcohols unit |
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| 3.3.9 Carboxylic Acids and Derivatives<br>- Acylation | Autumn 2 | <p><b>AT d and k</b><br/><b>PS 2.2</b></p> <p>Students could record observations from reaction of ethanoyl chloride and ethanoic anhydride with water, ethanol, ammonia and phenylamine.</p> <p><b>AT b, d, g and h</b><br/><b>PS 2.1, 2.3 and 4.1</b></p> <p>Students could carry out the preparation of aspirin, purification by recrystallisation and determination of its melting point.</p> <p>Students could carry out the purification of impure benzoic acid and determination of its melting point.</p> | <p>The structures of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• acid anhydrides</li><li>• acyl chlorides</li><li>• amides.</li></ul> <p>The nucleophilic addition–elimination reactions of water, alcohols, ammonia and primary amines with acyl chlorides and acid anhydrides.</p> <p>Industrial advantages of ethanoic anhydride over ethanoyl chloride in the manufacture of the drug aspirin.</p> <p><b>Students should be able to</b> outline the mechanism of nucleophilic addition–elimination reactions of acyl chlorides with water, alcohols, ammonia and primary amines.</p> | Organic Synthesis | <p><b>Required practical</b><br/><b>10</b></p> <p>Preparation of:</p> <p>-a pure organic solid and test of its purity</p> <p>-a pure organic liquid.</p> |
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| 3.3.16<br>Chromatography  | <i>Autumn 2</i> | <p><b>AT a, i and k</b></p> <p><b>PS 1.2, 3.2 and 4.1</b></p> <p>Students could use thin-layer chromatography to identify analgesics.</p> <p>Students could use thin-layer chromatography to identify transition metal ions in a solution.</p> <p><b>Students should be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• calculate <math>R_f</math> values from a chromatogram</li><li>• compare retention times and <math>R_f</math> values with standards to identify different substances.</li></ul> | <p>Types of chromatography include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• thin-layer chromatography (TLC)</li><li>• column chromatography (CC)</li><li>• gas chromatography (GC)</li></ul> <p>Retention times and <math>R_f</math> values are used to identify different substances.</p> |                   | <p><b>Required practical 12</b></p> <p>Separation of species by thin-layer chromatography.</p> <p>Good to combine with Required Practical 10</p> |
| 3.3.10 Aromatic Chemistry | <i>Spring 1</i> | <p>Students should be able to outline the electrophilic substitution mechanisms of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• nitration, including the generation of the nitronium ion</li><li>• acylation using <math>AlCl_3</math> as a catalyst.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <p>Bonding in a benzene ring</p> <p>Delocalisation and stability</p> <p>Electrophilic substitution</p> <p>Friedel–Crafts acylation reactions</p>                                                                                                                                               | Organic Synthesis |                                                                                                                                                  |



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| 3.3.11 Amines   | Spring 1 | <p>Students should be able to explain the difference in base strength in terms of the availability of the lone pair of electrons on the N atom</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <p>Preparation of amines</p> <p>Aromatic amines and uses</p> <p>Amines as weak bases</p> <p>Amines are nucleophiles</p> <p>Mechanism of formation of primary, secondary, tertiary amines and quaternary ammonium salts.</p> <p>The nucleophilic addition–elimination reactions</p>                                                                                                                                                             | 3.3.14 Organic Synthesis | <p>Builds on knowledge of nucleophilic substitution at AS</p> |
| 3.3.12 Polymers | Spring 1 | <p><b>PS 1.2</b></p> <p>Making nylon 6,6</p> <p><b>Students should be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>draw the repeating unit from monomer structure(s)</li><li>draw the repeating unit from a section of the polymer chain</li><li>draw structure(s) of monomer(s) from a section of polymer</li><li>explain nature of intermolecular forces between molecules of condensation polymers</li></ul> | <p>Condensation polymers reactions :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>dicarboxylic acids and diols</li><li>dicarboxylic acids and diamines</li><li>amino acids.</li></ul> <p>Polyalkenes are chemically inert and non-biodegradable</p> <p>Polyesters and polyamides can be broken down by hydrolysis and are biodegradable</p> <p>Advantages and disadvantages of different methods of disposal of polymers, including recycling</p> |                          | <p>Link to Addition Polymers met in Year 12</p>               |



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| 3.3.14 Organic Synthesis                       | Spring 2 | <p><b>Students should be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• explain why chemists aim to design processes that do not require a solvent and that use non-hazardous starting materials</li><li>• explain why chemists aim to design production methods with fewer steps that have a high percentage atom economy</li><li>• use reactions in this specification to devise a synthesis, with up to four steps, for an organic compound.</li></ul>                          | The synthesis of an organic compound can involve several steps                                             |  | Brings together knowledge of all organic reactions and uses of products |
| 3.3.15 Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Spectroscopy | Spring 2 | <p>Students should be able to use data in the Chemistry Data Booklet to suggest possible structures for molecules.</p> <p><b>Students should be able to:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• explain why TMS is a suitable substance to use as a standard</li><li>• use <math>^1\text{H}</math> NMR and <math>^{13}\text{C}</math> NMR spectra and chemical shift data from the Chemistry Data Booklet to suggest possible structures or part structures for molecules</li></ul> | Interpretation of nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) of $^{13}\text{C}$ or $^1\text{H}$ atoms in a molecule. |  |                                                                         |



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|                        |                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>use integration data from <math>^1\text{H}</math> NMR spectra to determine the relative numbers of equivalent protons in the molecule</li> <li>use the n+1 rule to deduce the spin-spin splitting patterns of adjacent, non-equivalent protons, limited to doublet, triplet and quartet formation in aliphatic compounds.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 3.1.12 Acids and Bases | Spring 2 / Summer 1 | <p>MS 0.4 - Students carry out pH calculations.</p> <p>MS 2.5 - Students could be given concentration values and asked to calculate pH or vice versa.</p> <p><b>Students should be able to:</b></p> <p>Convert concentration of hydrogen ions into pH and vice versa</p> <p>Calculate the pH of a solution of a strong acid from its concentration.</p> <p>Use <math>K_w</math> to calculate the pH of a strong base from its concentration.</p> <p>Perform calculations relating the pH of a weak acid to the concentration of the acid and the dissociation constant, <math>K_a</math></p> <p>Convert <math>K_a</math> into <math>pK_a</math> and vice versa.</p> | <p>Brønsted–Lowry acid–base equilibria in aqueous solution</p> <p>Definition and determination of pH</p> <p><b>The ionic product of water, <math>K_w</math></b></p> $K_w = [\text{H}^+][\text{OH}^-]$ <p><b>Weak acids and bases <math>K_a</math> for weak acids</b></p> <p><math>K_a</math> is the dissociation constant for a weak acid.</p> $pK_a = -\log_{10} K_a$ |  | <p><b>Required practical 9</b></p> <p>Investigate how pH changes when a weak acid reacts with a strong base and when a strong acid reacts with a weak base.</p> |



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|  |  | <p>Perform calculations for these titrations based on experimental results.</p> <p>Sketch and explain the shapes of typical pH curves</p> <p>Use pH curves to select an appropriate indicator.</p> <p>Explain qualitatively the action of acidic and basic buffers</p> <p>Calculate the pH of acidic buffer solutions.</p> | <p><b>pH curves, titrations and indicators</b></p> <p>Typical pH curves for acid–base titrations in all combinations of weak and strong monoprotic acids and bases.</p> <p><b>Buffer action</b></p> <p>A buffer solution maintains an approximately constant pH, despite dilution or addition of small amounts of acid or base.</p> <p>Acidic buffer solutions contain a weak acid and the salt of that weak acid.</p> <p>Basic buffer solutions contain a weak base and the salt of that weak base.</p> <p>Applications of buffer solutions.</p> |  |  |
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