



Topic name	Term	Skills developed	Link to subject content	Prior learning	Next link in curriculum
3.6 Further mechanics and thermal physics 3.6.1 Periodic motion 3.6.1.1 Circular motion	Autumn	MS 0.4 Estimate the acceleration and centripetal force in situations that involve rotation.	3.6.1.1 Circular motion 1. Motion in a circular path at constant speed implies there is an acceleration and requires a centripetal force. 2. Magnitude of angular speed 3. Radian measure of angle. 4. Centripetal acceleration 5. Centripetal force $F = mv^2/r = m\omega^2 r$	Links from GCSE: Year 9: Forces and motion, including vectors and scalars. Year 10 energy stores, including kinetic and potential energy. Year 11: Newton's laws Links from Year 12 AS Physics: Mechanics and Materials unit: Vectors and scalars, Newton's laws, Work and power	Turning Points (Year 13 spring term) when discussing the discovery of the electron and the deflection by a magnetic field.
3.6 Further mechanics and thermal physics 3.6.1 Periodic motion 3.6.1.2 Simple harmonic motion (SHM)	Autumn	AT i, k Data loggers can be used to produce $s-t$, $v-t$ and $a-t$ graphs for SHM. MS 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, 3.12 Sketch relationships between x , v , a and $a-t$ for simple harmonic oscillators.	3.6.1.2 Simple Harmonic Motion 1. Analysis of characteristics of simple harmonic motion (SHM). 2. Condition for SHM: $a \propto -x$ Defining equation: $a = -\omega^2 x$ 3. $x = A \cos \omega t$ and $v = \pm \omega A \sin \omega t$ 4. Graphical representations linking the variations of x , v and a with time. Appreciation that the $v-t$ graph is derived from the gradient of the $x-t$ graph and that the $a-t$ graph is derived from the gradient of the $v-t$ graph.	Links from GCSE: Year 9: Forces and motion, including vectors and scalars. Year 10 energy stores, including kinetic and potential energy. Year 11: Newton's laws Links from Year 12 AS Physics: Mechanics and Materials unit: Vectors and scalars, Newton's laws, Work and power	



			5. Maximum speed = $\frac{v}{A}$ Maximum acceleration = $\frac{v^2}{A}$		
3.6 Further mechanics and thermal physics 3.6.1 Periodic motion 3.6.1.3 Simple harmonic motion (SHM)	Autumn	MS 4.6 / AT b, c Students should recognise the use of the small-angle approximation in the derivation of the time period for examples of approximate SHM.	3.6.1.3 Simple Harmonic Motion 1. Study of mass-spring system: $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$ 2. Study of simple pendulum: $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{l}{g}}$ 3. Questions may involve other harmonic oscillators (eg liquid in U-tube) 4. Variation of E_k , E_p , and total energy with both displacement and time. 5. Effects of damping on oscillations	Links to GCSE: Year 9: Forces and motion, including vectors and scalars. Year 10 energy stores, including kinetic and potential energy. Year 11: Newton's laws Links to Year 12 AS Physics: Mechanics and Materials unit: Vectors and scalars, Newton's laws, Work and power Required practical 7: Investigation into simple harmonic motion using a mass-spring system and a simple pendulum.	



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<p>3.6 Further mechanics and thermal physics</p> <p>3.6.2 Thermal physics</p> <p>3.6.2.1 Thermal energy transfer</p>	<p>Spring</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• MS 1.5 / PS 2.3 / AT a, b, d, f Investigate the factors that affect the change in temperature of a substance using an electrical method or the method of mixtures. Students should be able to identify random and systematic errors in the experiment and suggest ways to remove them.	<p>3.6.2.1 Thermal energy transfer</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Internal energy is the sum of the randomly distributed kinetic energies and potential energies of the particles in a body.2. The internal energy of a system is increased when energy is transferred to it by heating or when work is done on it (and vice versa), eg a qualitative treatment of the first law of thermodynamics.3. Appreciation that during a change of state the potential energies of the particle ensemble are	<p>Links from KS3:</p> <p>Heating and cooling in year 8, including internal energy.</p> <p>Links from GCSE:</p> <p>Year 10 Energy stores and transfers</p> <p>Year 10 Thermal energy and insulation, Specific heat capacity including the RP for SHC and specific latent heat</p> <p>Links from Year 12 AS Physics:</p> <p>Materials unit (density)</p>	



		<p>PS 1.1, 4.1 / AT k Investigate, with a data logger and temperature sensor, the change in temperature with time of a substance undergoing a phase change when energy is supplied at a constant rate.</p>	<p>changing but not the kinetic energies.</p> <p>4. Calculations involving transfer of energy. For a change of temperature: $Q = mc \Delta \theta$ where c is specific heat capacity.</p> <p>5. Calculations including continuous flow. For a change of state $Q = ml$ where l is the specific latent heat.</p>	<p>Mechanics unit, including work done, energy and power.</p> <p>Electricity unit, including electrical power $P=IV$ for electrical heating method for measuring specific heat capacity.</p>	
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<p>Option: 3.12 Turning Points</p> <p>3.12.1 The discovery of the electron</p> <p>3.12.2 Wave-particle duality</p> <p>3.12.3 Special relativity</p>	<p>Summer</p>		<p>3.12.1 The discovery of the electron</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Cathode rays2 Thermionic emission of electrons3 Specific charge of the electron4 Principle of Millikan's determination of the electronic charge, e <p>3.12.2 Wave-particle duality</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 Newton's corpuscular theory of light2 Significance of Young's double slits experiment3 Electromagnetic waves4 The discovery of photoelectricity5 Wave-particle duality6 Electron microscopes <p>3.12.3 Special relativity</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1 The Michelson-Morley experiment2 Einstein's theory of special relativity3 Time dilation4 Length contraction5 Mass and energy	<p>Links from KS4:</p> <p>Atomic structure Forces and motion Energy stores and transfers Electric fields Optics (refraction and lenses) Electromagnetic waves Electricity</p> <p>Links from AS Physics:</p> <p>Particles unit (electrons and specific charge, quantum physics including photoelectricity and de Broglie waves)</p> <p>waves and optics unit (electromagnetic waves, Interference, refraction)</p> <p>mechanics and materials unit (Forces and motion, Newton's laws, work, energy and power, terminal velocity)</p> <p>Links from A2 physics:</p> <p>Electric fields, magnetic fields</p> <p>Further Mechanics (circular motion)</p>	
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