

Regents Park Community College – KS4 Science Skills Progress Pathway Descriptors

Low Attaining Year KS4 student	Middle Attaining Year KS4 student	High Attaining Year KS4 student
<p>I can remember a wide range of basic facts.</p> <p>I can use a few key words for any topic studied.</p> <p>I can understand that scientific discoveries have risks and benefits.</p> <p>I can usually apply knowledge effectively in a range of contexts.</p> <p>I can usually use theories to make simple explanations of events.</p> <p>I can sometimes use data to support evidence.</p> <p>I can consistently use and sometimes rearrange equations in calculations.</p> <p>I can evaluate information to develop arguments and explanations.</p> <p>I can consistently draw conclusions consistent with the available evidence.</p> <p>I can spot some causes of error and uncertainty in data or experimental procedures.</p> <p>I know the units of the key quantities.</p> <p>I can mostly use accurate spelling and correct use of punctuation, sentences, capital letters and paragraphs.</p>	<p>I can remember key facts about most areas of Science.</p> <p>I can usually use appropriate terminology in answers (key words and phrases)</p> <p>I can see the relationships between scientific advances, their ethical implications and the benefits and risks associated with them.</p> <p>I can usually apply knowledge effectively in a wide range of contexts.</p> <p>I can usually use theories to make detailed explanations of events.</p> <p>I can usually use data to support evidence.</p> <p>I can usually rearrange equations in calculations.</p> <p>I can evaluate information systematically to develop arguments and explanations.</p> <p>I can usually draw detailed, evidence-based conclusions.</p> <p>I can usually spot causes of error and uncertainty in data or experimental procedures.</p> <p>I know the unit and/or symbol of most quantities.</p> <p>I can Usually use accurate spelling and correct use of punctuation, sentences, capital letters and paragraphs.</p>	<p>I can remember key and detailed facts of any area within Science.</p> <p>I can always use appropriate terminology in answers (key words and phrases)</p> <p>I can explain the relationships between scientific advances, their ethical implications and the benefits and risks associated with them.</p> <p>I can always apply knowledge effectively in a wide range of contexts.</p> <p>I can always use theories to make detailed explanations of events.</p> <p>I can always make effective use of data to support evidence.</p> <p>I can consistently rearrange equations in calculations.</p> <p>I can evaluate information from a wide range of sources systematically to develop arguments and explanations.</p> <p>I can consistently draw detailed, evidence-based conclusions.</p> <p>I can consistently spot causes of error and uncertainty in data or experimental procedures.</p> <p>I know the unit and/or symbol of every quantity.</p> <p>I have faultless spelling and correct use of punctuation, sentences, capital letters and paragraphs.</p>

Regents Park Community College – KS4 Biology Progress Pathway Descriptors

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<p>I can label the basic cell components on a diagram of a plant and animal cell.</p> <p>I can label a diagram of different organ systems in animals and plants.</p> <p>I can describe how the human body defends against pathogens.</p> <p>I can state the types of drugs that can be used to treat disease.</p> <p>I can state examples of drugs produced from plants and microorganisms.</p> <p>I can state the word equations for photosynthesis and respiration.</p> <p>I can state the factors affecting the rate of photosynthesis.</p> <p>I can define homeostasis.</p> <p>I can describe the components of all control systems.</p> <p>I can identify the position of the endocrine glands.</p> <p>I can identify and describe the function of adaptations.</p> <p>I can state the different types of pollution that may impact biodiversity.</p> <p>I can construct a pyramid of biomass.</p> <p>I can define 'food security'.</p>	<p>I can calculate magnification.</p> <p>I can describe how genetic information is organised.</p> <p>I can explain how aseptic techniques are used in culturing microorganisms.</p> <p>I can calculate population in microorganisms.</p> <p>I can describe mitosis.</p> <p>I can explain the factors affecting diffusion.</p> <p>I can describe the adaptations of plants and animals for exchange.</p> <p>I can describe function of organ systems using key terms in the correct context.</p> <p>I can explain how enzymes are affected by temperature and pH.</p> <p>I can explain how diseases may be transferred with reference to specific examples.</p> <p>I can explain how antibiotics can be used to treat disease.</p> <p>I can describe the process of developing medicines.</p> <p>I can explain how plant diseases and deficiency conditions can be identified, stating examples.</p> <p>I can compare aerobic and anaerobic respiration.</p> <p>I can explain the changes that occur during exercise.</p> <p>I can describe the practical tests for starch, glucose + protein.</p> <p>I can explain how the structure of the nervous system is adapted to its function.</p> <p>I can describe the principles of kidney transplants and dialysis.</p> <p>I can explain how plant hormones control growth and control responses to stimuli.</p>	<p>I can use models and analogies to develop explanations of how cells divide.</p> <p>I can evaluate the practical, social and ethical issues surrounding the use of stem cells in medicine.</p> <p>I can use models to explain enzyme action and denaturation and apply this to the action of digestive systems.</p> <p>I can evaluate the health, economic and medical issues surrounding antibiotic resistant microorganisms.</p> <p>I can explain how monoclonal antibodies can be produced and used in medicine.</p> <p>I can interpret data to demonstrate how results of clinical trials can be manipulated to produce bias.</p> <p>I can explain how the body deals with oxygen debt.</p> <p>I can Interpret and explain graphs showing rate of photosynthesis with more than 1 limiting factor, including inverse square law in reference to light as a limiting factor.</p> <p>I can evaluate the issues surrounding the treatment of infertility for patients and doctors.</p> <p>I can evaluate the benefits and risks of procedures carried out on the nervous system.</p> <p>I can explain the process of genetic engineering, how GM crops effect populations and how medical research is exploring how GM could overcome inherited diseases.</p> <p>I can evaluate information about human impact on the environment, including biodiversity.</p> <p>I can interpret population and food production statistics to evaluate food security.</p>

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	<p>I can describe the processes of selective breeding and evolution using named examples and evidence.</p> <p>I can describe antibiotic resistance.</p> <p>I can describe methods of ecological investigation including calculations.</p> <p>I can describe the Carbon cycle.</p> <p>I can explain the biological impact of waste, land use, deforestation and global warming.</p> <p>I can explain the conservation programmes in place to reduce the negative human impact on the environment.</p> <p>I can explain the factors that affect food security.</p>	

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<p>I can state chemical names and symbols for often used elements.</p> <p>I can describe techniques for separating mixtures.</p> <p>I can describe word equations.</p> <p>I can state the three types of chemical bonding.</p> <p>I can label electrolysis equipment.</p> <p>I can recognise the pH scale and the use of Universal Indicator.</p> <p>I can recognise examples of exothermic and endothermic reactions.</p> <p>I can recognise that a chemical reaction occurs in cells.</p> <p>I can calculate the mean rate of a reaction from given information.</p> <p>I can state the factors that affect the rate of reaction.</p> <p>I can define 'hydrocarbon'.</p> <p>I can recognise the positive result for Oxygen + Hydrogen.</p> <p>I can state the gases and particulates that may be released when a fuel is burnt.</p> <p>I can state the difference between pure and potable water.</p>	<p>I can describe formulae equations.</p> <p>I can describe and explain why the atomic model has changed over time due to new evidence.</p> <p>I can describe why atoms have no charge.</p> <p>I can construct word equations.</p> <p>I can explain how the atomic structure of metals and non-metals relate to their position in the Periodic table and how they react.</p> <p>I can describe the three types of chemical bonding.</p> <p>I can describe the structure and properties of diamond and graphite.</p> <p>I can describe uses of nanoparticles.</p> <p>I can calculate the relative formula mass of compounds.</p> <p>I can calculate percentage yield from actual yield.</p> <p>I can calculate atom economy of a reaction.</p> <p>I can describe products made from simple electrolysis cells.</p> <p>I can use basic symbol equations.</p> <p>I can identify if elements make positive or negative ions.</p> <p>I can describe how to carry out titrations to find reacting volumes accurately.</p> <p>I can interpret simple energy diagrams.</p> <p>I can describe energy changes in bond breaking and making.</p> <p>I can describe a simple fuel cell.</p>	<p>I can describe the development of the Periodic table and explain the evidence that supported it.</p> <p>I can work out the molecular formula from a given model or diagram of a compound.</p> <p>I can describe giant ionic structures, giant covalent structures, polymers and giant metallic structures.</p> <p>I can describe properties including melting and boiling points, electrical conductivity and explain how they are related to their structure.</p> <p>I can explain the properties of diamond and graphite related to their structure.</p> <p>I can describe the structure and use of graphene and fullerenes.</p> <p>I can explain the change in mass in some reactions.</p> <p>I can calculate the number of moles for a given mass of a substance.</p> <p>I can calculate the masses of substances in a balanced symbol equation.</p> <p>I can explain the meaning of 'concentration'.</p> <p>I can calculate theoretical mass of a product from given mass of reactant and a balanced equation for a reaction.</p> <p>I can explain how concentration of a solution is related to the mass of solute and the volume of solution.</p> <p>I can use formulae for different salts to deduce chemical formulae.</p> <p>I can explain neutralisation using H^+ and OH^- and choose appropriate methods for making soluble salts.</p> <p>I can calculate chemical quantities in titrations.</p>

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	<p>I can explain the units used in rate of reaction calculations.</p> <p>I can explain how different factors affect the rate of reaction using collision theory.</p> <p>I can define 'equilibrium'.</p> <p>I can describe the covalent bonding in the four smallest alkanes using diagrams.</p> <p>I can describe the uses for the products of fractional distillation.</p> <p>I can describe the process of cracking.</p> <p>I can state the chemical test for alkenes.</p> <p>I can describe fermentation to produce ethanol.</p> <p>I can describe addition polymerisation.</p> <p>I can describe the tests for hydrogen, oxygen, carbon dioxide and chlorine.</p> <p>I can describe and explain the theory of the evolution from Earth's early atmosphere.</p> <p>I can explain how greenhouse gases make the Earth habitable.</p> <p>I can write word equations for complete and incomplete combustion.</p> <p>I can interpret data about the use of resources from charts, graphs and tables.</p> <p>I can describe a Life Cycle Assessment, including examples.</p> <p>I can carry out simple Life Cycle Assessments.</p> <p>I can give examples of alloys and their uses.</p> <p>I can describe properties of different materials and relate them to their uses.</p>	<p>I can calculate the energy transferred in a chemical reaction using bond energies.</p> <p>I can describe and interpret graphs comparing rates of reaction when given factors are changed.</p> <p>I can explain the separation of crude oil by fractional distillation.</p> <p>I can write balanced symbol equations for the cracking of alkanes.</p> <p>I can describe the reactions of alcohols with Na, H₂O, oxidising agents and during combustion.</p> <p>I can describe the reactions of carboxylic acids with H₂O, carbonates and alcohols.</p> <p>I can interpret data to identify pure and impure substances.</p> <p>I can calculate the R_f values from chromatograms.</p> <p>I can interpret evidence relating to the evolution of the Earth's atmosphere.</p> <p>I can explain the effects of climate change and the problems caused by increased amounts of pollutants in the air.</p> <p>I can describe how waste water may be treated.</p> <p>I can interpret Life Cycle Assessment information for given materials or products.</p> <p>I can explain the issues surrounding the use of Life Cycle Assessments.</p> <p>I can interpret graphs of reaction condition vs rate.</p> <p>I can describe production and uses of NPK fertilisers.</p>

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<p>I can name examples of contact and non-contact forces.</p> <p>I can describe the changes in energy stores in simple machines and systems.</p> <p>I can use circuit symbols to draw simple circuit diagrams.</p> <p>I can draw the shape of the magnetic field.</p> <p>I can describe how to identify a magnetic material and a magnet.</p> <p>I can explain how a compass works.</p> <p>I can describe the changes of state.</p> <p>I can describe the composition of an atom.</p>	<p>I can state and use equations.</p> <p>I can identify shapes on Distance-Time and Velocity-Time graphs and relate it to motion.</p> <p>I can interpret Velocity-Time graphs for falling objects.</p> <p>I can state and apply the equations to calculate the moment of a force and the pressure of a fluid.</p> <p>I can calculate the pressure in a column of liquid.</p> <p>I can calculate changes in the way energy is stored when changes occur in a given system.</p> <p>I can evaluate the various types of insulation used in the home.</p> <p>I can calculate the efficiency of given energy transfers and describe ways to increase efficiency.</p> <p>I can compare the ways different energy resources are used and explain their advantages and disadvantages.</p> <p>I can draw diagrams to show the features of transverse and longitudinal waves and describe their features using key terminology.</p> <p>I can calculate the frequency of a wave.</p> <p>I can describe reflection, refraction, absorption and transmission of waves.</p> <p>I can recall and use equations.</p> <p>I can explain how the transfer of electrons leads to static electricity.</p> <p>I can describe the differences between AC and DC.</p>	<p>I can apply the principles of pressure to columns of liquid and the atmosphere.</p> <p>I can use principle of moments and conservation of momentum to solve problems.</p> <p>I can carry out calculations involving specific heat capacity.</p> <p>I can interpret data on the efficiency of different machines.</p> <p>I can explain the changes in air pressure caused by longitudinal waves.</p> <p>I can describe the effects of gamma, X-ray and ultra-violet waves on the body.</p> <p>I can explain the uses and dangers of electromagnetic radiation.</p> <p>I can link the idea of generation of electricity with oscilloscope traces.</p> <p>I can apply rules concerning conservation of current to circuit problems.</p> <p>I can explain why an electric motor will not work with alternating current.</p> <p>I can use Fleming's left-hand rule to predict the direction of rotation of a motor given relevant information.</p> <p>I can describe how changing the temperature can affect gas pressure.</p> <p>I can calculate the size of an atom given the size of the nucleus and the scale of the nucleus compared to the atom.</p>



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	<p>I can explain what is meant by the motor effect.</p> <p>I can recall Fleming's left-hand rule.</p> <p>I can describe the factors that affect the size of the force on a conductor in a magnetic field.</p> <p>I can calculate the force on a conductor in a magnetic field, given values.</p> <p>I can state and use the density equation.</p> <p>I can explain how increasing the temperature affects the internal energy of a substance and how this can lead to changes of state.</p> <p>I can evaluate data on melting and boiling points linked to the strength of forces between the particles.</p> <p>I can describe the differences between different models of the atom.</p> <p>I can describe radioactive decay and how it can be predicted.</p> <p>I can describe the different kinds of nuclear radiation.</p> <p>I can describe how radioactive contamination can occur, how risk can be minimised and the safety requirements taken.</p> <p>I can describe the process and use of irradiation.</p> <p>I can describe the similarities and distinctions between the planets, their moons and artificial satellites.</p> <p>I can explain quantitatively how circular and stable orbits can be affected.</p>	<p>I can explain how fusion processes lead to the formation of new elements.</p>