Focus area	Emerging – a student who	Developing – a student who	Secure – a student who has	Mastered – a student who
	has emerging skills in the Y8	has developing skills in the	secure skills in the Y8 Science	has mastered the skills in the
	Science curriculum will be	Y8 Science curriculum will be	curriculum will be able to:	Y8 Science curriculum will be
	able to:	able to:		able to:
Biology 2: Reproduction	<i>able to:</i> State some of the parts of the human reproductive systems. Recognise changes that occur during adolescence. Understand that substances pass from a mother to her developing foetus.	able to: Name the main parts of the male and female human reproductive systems. Recognise changes that occur during adolescence. Identify substances passed on from a mother that will either help or harm her developing foetus.	Describe the structures and functions of the main parts of the male and female human reproductive systems; describe how fertility problems may arise. Recognise changes that occur during adolescence. Describe how the menstruation cycle works. Describe the structures and functions of different parts of a pregnant uterus, describing how substances pass into and from a developing foetus.	able to:Explain how the male and female reproductive structures are designed for fertilisation; describe methods to combat infertility.Recognise changes that occur during adolescence.Explain how and why some problems occur with menstruation.Explain how a pregnant uterus is different from a normal uterus, including the impact of different substances on the health and development of a foetus
Focus area	Emerging – a student who	Developing – a student who	Secure – a student who has	Mastered – a student who
	has emerging skills in the Y8	has developing skills in the	secure skills in the Y8 Science	has mastered the skills in the
			curriculum will be able to:	

	Science curriculum will be	Y8 Science curriculum will be		Y8 Science curriculum will be
	able to:	able to:		able to:
Biology 3: Body systems	Understand that our bodies	Identify the main bones of	Describe the functions of	Explain how different parts
	are supported by a skeleton.	the skeleton. Describe the	the skeleton	of the skeleton are adapted
	Recognise that our skeleton	role of skeletal joints. Recall		to carry out particular
	is made of many bones	that muscles contract to	Identify some different	functions.
	joined together.	move bones at joints.	joints and explain the role of	
			tendons and ligaments in	Compare the movement
	Know that muscles can	Explain how muscles work	joints.	allowed at different joints
	contract and relax.	antagonistically to bring		and explain why different
		about movement and	Identify muscles that	types of joints are needed.
	Understand that some	evaluate a model.	contract to cause specific	skeleton.
	muscles are stronger than		movements.	
	others.	Investigate the strengths of		Explain how muscles work
		different muscles and draw	Plan and carry out an	antagonistically to bring
	Understand how the	a conclusion.	investigation to compare	about movement and
	circulatory system works.		strengths of muscles and	evaluate a model.
		Describe some medical	analyse the results using a	
		problems that can arise with	graph.	Plan and carry out a fair
		the skeletal system.		investigation, analyse the
			Describe some treatments	data and evaluate the
			for a range of problems with	procedure.
			the skeletal system.	
				Explain how diagnosis and
				treatment of problems with
				the skeletal system have
				changed over time.
Chemistry 1: Particles	Correctly identifies particle	Properties of solids, liquids	Explain the properties of	
MINDS ON	diagrams as showing S, L or	and gases can be described	solids, liquids and gases	Observations where
	G	in terms of particles in	based on the arrangement	substances change

	motion but with differences in the arrangement and movement of these same particles: closely spaced and vibrating (solid), in random motion but in contact (liquid), or in random motion and widely spaced	and movement of their particles.	temperature or state can be described in terms of particles gaining or losing energy
Struggles to link particle theory with observations when explaining change of state.	(gas). Needs prompting and questioning to explain changes of state of water using particle theory	Explains, using particle theory with some level of fluency, observations when water changes through 3 states of matter.	Explains observations fluently, using particle theory , when water changes through 3 states of matter
Draw diagrams to show arrangement of particles in solids, liquids and gases.	Draw diagrams to show arrangement of particles in solids, liquids and gases.	Draw before and after diagrams of particles to explain observations about changes of state, gas pressure and diffusion	Draw before and after diagrams of particles to explain observations about changes of state, gas pressure and diffusion
Recognises that pressure is due to presence of gas particles.	Recognises that increased numbers of gas particles usually leads to increase in pressure at the same temperature.	Explains gas pressure in terms of frequency of particle collisions with walls of container, and that this frequency is affected by KE of particles, which is affected by temperature	Explains that hollow vessels expand or collapse depending on the pressure difference between inside and outside the vessel.
Struggles to link particle theory with diagrams			

	showing diffusion of	Can state the definition of	Can state the definition of	Can describe how, and
	particles, but can recognise	diffusion and can sketch a	diffusion and can sketch a	explain why temperature
	the process of diffusion	model of diffusion.	model of diffusion.	and particle size affect the
	from an analogy or example		Can list factors that affect	rate of diffusion.
			the rate of diffusion.	
HANDS ON	Needs close supervision to			
	handle and manipulate			
	equipment safely	Needs instruction often to	Handles and manipulates	Reliably handles and
		safely handle and	equipment with confidence	manipulates equipment
		manipulate equipment with	and fluency most of the time	with confidence and fluency
	Can sometimes interpret	confidence and fluency.		
	information in a data table.		Interpret data tables and	
	Can sometimes lay out and	Can attempt to convert	graph using correctly drawn	Interpret data tables and
	label axes. Always needs	information from table	axes and suitable linear	draw correctly on a graph,
	help to choose a suitable	format to a graph.	scale. Struggles with	including negative values
	linear scale.	Occasionally needs help to	negative values.	
		label axes and/or use		
	Heat ice until almost boiling	suitable linear scale		
			Heat ice until almost	
		Heat ice until almost	boiling, having selected and	Carry out practical
		boiling, having selected and	used appropriate	procedures using
		used appropriate equipment	equipment, and have	instructions without
			suggested further safety	guidance and in a calm
			measures such as clamping	fashion with due regard to
			the beaker in position	the safety of others
	Requires pre-printed results			
	table.	Needs frequent assistance	Needs occasional assistance	
	Does not reliably record	to draw a suitable results	to draw a suitable results	Independently draws
	results	table.	table.	suitable results table.
		Finds at regular intervals the		Find at regular intervals the
		temperature of water being		temperature of water being

		heated but does not reliable	Finds at regular intervals the	heated and tabulate
		record results.	temperature of water being	observations to reveal the
	Requires support to draw		heated and records results	pattern
	and label axes, and to plot	Graphs results but needs		
	data.	assistance with labelling		Graphs results, labelling
		axes or plotting data	Graphs results, labelling	axes correctly and plotting
			axes correctly and plotting	data accurately
			most data accurately	
Chemistry 2: Acids and	Know that you have acids	Identify some everyday	Explain what all acids have	Evaluate the hazards posed
Alkalis	and alkalis in your house	substances that contain	in common and what all	by some acids and alkalis
		acids and alkalis.	alkalis have in common.	and how to reduce these
				risks.
	Know that some chemicals	Give an example of an	Explain what an indicator is	Compare the effectiveness
	change colour in acids and	indicator and state why	and analyse results when	of different indicators
	alkalis.	indicators are useful.	using an indicator.	
	Know that acids are	Describe some examples of	Describe the changes to	Explain the changes to
	opposite to alkalis.	neutralisation.	indicators when acids and	indicators in terms of pH
			alkalis are mixed.	when acids and alkalis are
				mixed
	Know that water is not an	Recognise that water is one	Know that water is not an	
	acid is or alkali.	product of neutralisation.	acid is or alkali.	Predict the name of the
				products formed in
	State what is made in	Follow a method to make	Explain the general reaction	neutralisation reactions.
	neutralisation.	copper sulphate crystals.	between an acid and ankali,	
			using generic equations.	Plat a graph and analyse
				data about indigestion
				remedies to decide which

	Know that indigestion is	Describe what indigestion	Design an investigation to	remedy is the most
	often caused by a build-up	remedies are and explain	compare the effectiveness	effective.
	of acid in your stomach.	how they work.	of indigestion remedies.	
			including a risk assessment	
	Know the bazard symbols			
	Know the hazara symbols.	Follow a method safely		
Chemistry 3: Earth and	State that the moon was	State that Earth started as a	I can state one fact about each	I can state one fact about each
Atmosphere	formed by the collision of	cloud of dust and gas.	of 3 stages to describe how the	of 3 stages to describe how the
•	another body with the early		Earth was formed	Earth was formed
	Earth			
	Name the layers of the	Label a diagram of the layers	I can describe properties	
	Farth	of the Farth	of the different layers of the	I can compare the different
	Laren		Farth's structure	layers of the Earth in terms
				of their properties.
	Name the main components	State the % of each of the	Explain the current sources	
	of the atmosphere.	components of the	of CO ₂ and water vapour	Compare current and
		atmosphere		original atmosphere
	State a property of	State a property of	Explain two properties of	
	sedimentary rocks.	sedimentary rocks.	sedimentary rocks.	Explain two properties of
				sedimentary rocks by linking
				them to the rock structure
	Describe simula have	Describe simerals how	Fundation la sur a subtra susta a	and formation.
	Describe simply now	Describe simply now	Explain now sedimentary	
	made	made	TOCKS are made.	Give a detailed explanation
	Indue.	made.		of the sedimentary rock
	Recognise that 'igneous' and	State one difference	Compare the ways that	cycle.
	'metamorphic' are types of	between igneous and	igneous and metamorphic	
	rock.	metamorphic rocks.	rocks form.	Discuss examples of rocks
				that illustrate the different
				methods of formation of

Describe very simply how igneous OR metamorphic	Describe very simply how igneous AND metamorphic	Explain how igneous and metamorphic rocks form.	rocks.
rocks are formed.	rocks are formed.		Link properties of igneous
Give simple facts about how a rock can be changed from	Give simple facts about how a rock can be changed from	Use the rock cycle to explain how the material in rocks is	and metamorphic rocks to their methods of formation.
one type to another.	one type to another.	recycled.	Give a detailed description and explanation of a rock's
State that carbon dioxide levels have changed over	Describe the changes in levels of carbon dioxide over	Explain why the concentration of carbon	journey through the rock cycle.
time.	time.	dioxide in the atmosphere did not change for many years.	Explain changes in the levels of carbon dioxide using
State that carbon dioxide can be stored naturally.	Name one place carbon dioxide may be stored.	Use the carbon cycle to identify reservoirs of carbon.	Stages
State that the temperature of the atmosphere is increasing.	State a cause of global warming.	Explain why global warming happens.	Use equations to explain processes that exchange carbon dioxide to and from the atmosphere.
State one impact of global warming.	State one impact of global warming.	Explain some impacts of global warming.	Use a model to explain why global warming happens
State what is meant by recycling.	Describe how aluminium is recycled.	Explain how aluminium is recycled.	Discuss in detail the impacts of global warming, identifying primary and secondary problems.

	Give one advantage OR one disadvantage of recycling.	Give one advantage AND one disadvantage of recycling	Analyse the advantages and disadvantages of recycling.	Compare how other materials are recycled with recycling of aluminium. Use data to discuss the relative benefits and drawbacks of recycling materials
Physics 1: Forces	Describe what a force is and give examples	Describe the effects of forces and the directions in which they act	Explain the difference between mass and weight	Represent sizes and direction of forces using arrows
	Recall the effects of forces on an object and explain how a force has caused certain effects	State what is meant by extension, compress, stretch, elastic, plastic	Describe how the extension of a spring depends on the force applied	Explain what is meant by elastic limit and limit of proportionality
	State what is meant by friction and how it can affect movement	Identify situations in which friction is helpful and not helpful	Explain some ways in which friction can be changed	Suggest why friction has changed in unfamiliar situations
	State what is meant by pressure	Describe how pressure depends on force and area. Describe some common units for pressure	Use the formula relating force, pressure and area	Explain applications of pressure in different situations
	State what is meant by balanced and unbalanced forces	Explain the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces	State what is meant by the term resultant force	Calculate the resultant force acting upon an object

Physics 2: Electricity	Identify common circuit components and their symbols	Construct a circuit from instructions provided in the form of a circuit diagram	Describe and explain how adding more bulbs affects the brightness of bulbs in a circuit	Draw a circuit diagram from a constructed circuit
	State what the different components of a model represent	Describe how the model is like an electric circuit	Explain how the model is not like an electric circuit	Explain why we need models to help us think about electricity
	State what is meant by a series circuit, parallel circuit	Construct a circuit diagram from instructions provided in the form of a circuit diagram	Explain why the lights in a house are wired in parallel	Use their knowledge of switches and parallel circuits to devise circuits for specified purposes
	State the units for voltage	Describe how voltage varies in a parallel circuit	Explain how a variable resistor works	Use a model to explain the idea of voltage
	Recall some dangers of electricity	Recall how different wires are connected in a plug	Explain how a fuse works	Apply their knowledge of voltage, current and electrical safety to novel situations

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	emerging skills in the Y9	has developing skills in the Y9	secure skills in the Y9 Science	mastered the skills in the Y9
	Science curriculum will be able	Science curriculum will be able	curriculum will be able to:	Science curriculum will be able
	to:	to:		to:
Biology 1: Nutrition & Digestion	Describe the components of a	Describe the components of a	Explain the role of some of the	Explain the role of all of the
	healthy diet (food groups).	healthy diet (food groups).	components of a healthy diet.	components of a healthy diet.
		Recall the tests for starch and	Recall the tests for protein and	Predict the observations of
	Identify people that require	sugar. Suggest some foods that	fats. Suggest several foods that	food tests for several foods for
	more or less energy.	contain starch and sugar.	contain proteins and fats.	starch, sugar, protein and fats.
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	Identify some of the organs in	List groups of people who need	Compare the energy	Explain why different groups of
	the digestive system.	different amounts of energy	requirements of different	people have different energy
		from food.	people such as men and	requirements.
	Describe the role of the	Describe some of the physical	women, teenagers and the	Use data on packaging to plan
	stomach and small intestine in	effects of obesity and	elderly, pregnant and non-	how individuals could meet
	digestion.	starvation.	pregnant women.	their energy requirements.
		Describe the cause and	Explain some of the physical	
		symptoms of scurvy and	effects of obesity and	Name the organs of the
		suggest foods to treat it.	starvation	digestive system in the order
			Describe the causes of several	that food passes through them.
		Name some of the organs of	deficiency diseases and suggest	Explain the link between
		the digestive system.	foods to treat each.	digestion and circulation.
		Describe what is meant by		
		physical digestion and chemical	Locate the organs of the	Explain how the structure of
		digestion.	digestive system on a diagram.	each of the organs of the
			Recall where physical digestion	digestive system supports its
		Describe the role of the	takes place and where	function.
		stomach, small intestine,	chemical digestion takes place.	Explain how visking tubing can
		oesophagus, pancreas and	Explain how teeth and saliva	be used to model the digestive
		large intestine in digestion.	are adapted to digest food.	system.
		Recall the names of some		
		digestive enzymes.	Describe some adaptations of	
			the organs of the digestive	
			system.	
			Explain the role of three	
			digestive enzymes.	

Focus area	Emerging – a student who has emerging skills in the Y9 Science curriculum will be able to:	Developing – a student who has developing skills in the Y9 Science curriculum will be able to:	Secure – a student who has secure skills in the Y9 Science curriculum will be able to:	Mastered – a student who has mastered the skills in the Y9 Science curriculum will be able to:
Biology: Plants and plant reproduction	Label some of the parts of a flowering plant Label some of the parts of a	Describe the role of different parts of the flowering plant in reproduction.	Explain the differences in insect pollinated and wind pollinated plants. Explain the differences in	Discuss the strengths and weaknesses of wind- pollinated and insect- pollinated plants. Discuss the strengths and
	nowering plant	different parts of the flowering plant in reproduction.	pollinated plants.	pollinated and insect- pollinated plants.
	Recognise the role of a seed.	Recognise different seed- dispersal methods by the structures of the seeds.	Identify key variables that need to be controlled when investigating the effect of seed design on seed dispersal.	Explain the advantages and disadvantages of different seed dispersal mechanisms.
	Recognise that seeds germinate for plants to develop.	Recognise the conditions required for germination	Identify factors affecting germination and control variables when investigating germination	Explain the conditions required for germinations and reasons behind dormancy and non- germination
	Identify the part of a leaf cell that is responsible for absorbing the suns light energy. Name some of the nutrients	Describe how gases enter and leave a leaf and how light energy for photosynthesis is captured.	Describe how cells in the leaf and root are adapted for their functions.	Relate and explain how the structure of palisade, mesophyll and guard cells allows them to perform their function.
	needed by plants and supplied by fertilisers.		Explain why nutrients are needed by plants, how	Explain how mineral deficiencies affect plants

	Name some of the nutrients	spreading manure adds	and how different factors
	needed by plants and	them to the soil and how	affect the rate of
	supplied by fertilisers; state	water passes through the	transpiration.
	how they enter the plant	plant.	
	dissolved in soil water.		
Recognise that seeds			
germinate for plants to		Identify factors affecting	Explain the conditions
develop.		germination and control	required for germinations
	Recognise the conditions	variables when investigating	and reasons behind
	required for germination	germination	dormancy and non-
		-	germination
			-
Name some of the nutrients		Explain why nutrients are	Explain how mineral
needed by plants and		needed by plants, how	deficiencies affect plants
supplied by fertilisers.	Name some of the nutrients	spreading manure adds	and how different factors
	needed by plants and	them to the soil and how	affect the rate of
	supplied by fertilisers; state	water passes through the	transpiration.
	how they enter the plant	plant.	
	dissolved in soil water.		
Recognise that green plants			
need sunlight.		Identify water and carbon	Explain the chemical
		dioxide as the raw materials	changes involved in
	State that green plants need	for photosynthesis, and	photosynthesis and the
	sunlight to grow and to	glucose and oxygen as the	roles of light and
	make food.	products.	chlorophyll.
Understand that the amount			
of light affects		Explain how levels of light,	
photosynthesis.		temperature and carbon	Explain the chemical
	Describe how levels of light,	dioxide affect the rate of	changes involved in
	temperature and carbon	photosynthesis	photosynthesis and the
	dioxide affect the rate of		roles of light and
	photosynthesis.		chlorophyll.
		Identify water and carbon	
		dioxide as the raw materials	
		for photosynthesis, and	

	Recognise that green plants		glucose and oxygen as the	
	Describe how levels of light, temperature and carbon dioxide affect the rate of photosynthesis.	State that green plants need sunlight to grow and to make food. Describe how levels of light, temperature and carbon dioxide affect the rate of	products. Explain how levels of light, temperature and carbon dioxide affect the rate of photosynthesis	Apply learning about the factors affecting photosynthesis to solve problems
		photosynthesis.		
Chemistry 4: Atoms, Elements, Compounds	Give some examples of elements.	Give some examples of elements, locate them in the Periodic Table and use the table to identify metals and non-metals.	Give examples of elements and explain how they are organised in the Periodic Table.	Define elements, use symbols, link the organisation of the Periodic Table to element features and explain how scientists organised the Periodic Table.
	Understand that many elements are found in the Earth's crust.	Identify some common properties of metal elements and non-metal elements and their uses.	Classify metals and non- metals using their properties.	Identify similarities and differences between metals and how these relate to their uses; compare and contrast properties of metals and non-metals.
	Identify metals and non- metals.	Identify metals and non- metals using data and suggest a reason for particular applications.	Explain the properties of elements using data and why they are used for different applications.	Select and justify the use of elements for different purposes, based on their properties.
	Understand what a compound is.	Describe an example of a compound and represent a	Explain how compounds can be formed and explain a	Make links between simple models of compounds and chemical symbols.

		chemical reaction using a simple model.	chemical reaction using simple models	
Chemistry 5: Chemical Reactions	Make observations of a chemical reaction.	Make observations and identify reactants and products.	Make accurate observations, identify differences, and with support, describe reactions using simple models or word equations.	Suggest reasons for different observations, describe reactions using word equations and start to use symbols to model chemical reactions.
	Know that when an element reacts with oxygen it is an oxygenation reaction.	Identify oxidation and thermal decomposition reactions.	Explain why oxidation is a reaction; explain the differences between oxidation and thermal decomposition.	Use models and word equations to explain changes during oxidation and thermal decomposition reactions.
	Know the difference between melting and burning.	Identify changes during a reaction, relate these to reactants and products, and identify a difference between melting and burning.	Make accurate observations, explain them using a simple model and a word equation and explain differences between chemical and physical changes in terms of atoms.	Explain observations using word equations, use the correct terms and simple models to explain the differences between chemical and physical changes.
Physics 1: Sound and Waves	Recognise that sound energy is transferred by waves. Describe how different sources produce louder or quieter sounds, or change the pitch	Recognise that sound energy is transferred by waves and describe how sound waves are made in different situations. Know sound cannot travel through a vacuum.	Use the particle model to explain why sound cannot travel through a vacuum. Compare longitudinal and transverse waves. Describe how to measure the speed of sound, and how the speed of sound can	Use the particle model to explain why the speed of sound is different in solids, liquids and gases. Use calculations to measure the speed of sound and the distance of objects in different applications,

	Know sound is a longitudinal	State the meaning of	be used in different	applying ideas about
	wave.	transverse wave,	applications to measure	echoes.
		longitudinal wave,	distances.	
	Present information as Bar	superposition, giving		Explain Superposition
	char with help. (skill)	examples	Plot a line graph and Identify	
			relationships from the	Analyse scatter graphs to
	Name the parts of the ear		graph. (skill)	identify anomalies and
		Recognise an echo as a		suggest improvements to
	State the meaning of	reflection of sound.	Describe how microphones	reduce them (skill)
	absorb, transmit, reflect		convert sound into electrical	
	State what an oscilloscope is	Present information as Bar	signals	Explain how animals can
	used for.	char independently and		detect the direction from
		analyse the data (skill)	Explain the effect that	which a sound is coming
			changing the amplitude and	
		Describe the functions of	Frequency has on the sound	Interpret the display on an
		the parts of the ear	ascillascopo	oscilloscope and devise
			oscilloscope.	wave diagrams to represent
		Recognise quiet, loud, high		sounds of different
		pitched and low-pitched		wavelength and amplitude
		sounds on an oscilloscope		
Physics 2: Light and Waves	State the colours of the	Describe the formation of a	Explain how white light can	Use the concepts of
	rainbow.	spectrum from white light.	be split into a continuous	reflection and absorption of
			spectrum of colours, called	light to explain why some
			the visible spectrum.	materials (transparent,
				translucent and opaque) are
				coloured.
	Understand that energy	Describe the ray model of	Explain the difference	Use ray diagrams to explain
	travels in waves.	light using the idea that light	between reflection and	how a pinhole camera and
		travels in straight lines.	refraction, and describe	the eye work.
			what happens when light	
			waves are refracted.	

	Represent a ray of light as straight line on a labelled diagram.	Recognise that light can be reflected by some materials and absorbed by others.	Explain how some materials absorb energy, and the differences between transparent, translucent and opaque materials.	Use diagrams to explain the difference between diffuse and specular reflection.
Physics 3: Space	Understand that the earth moves around the sun	Describe the movement of the sun, earth and moon in relation to each other	Explain the effects of the relative motion of the sun, earth and moon	Explain the relative movement of the sun, earth and moon using the idea of gravity.
	Place the earth, moon, sun and galaxy in order of relative size	Describe the differences between the sun, other stars and galaxies	Describe the relationship between the sun, other stars and galaxies	Relate ideas about the sun, stars and galaxies to evidence visible from earth
	Recognise the earth is tilted and identify the north and south poles	Describe the effects that the tilt of the earth axis has on earth	Explain the causes of daily seasonal changes	