Science – Biology

MAGHULL HIGH SCHOOL – CURRICULUM MAP



	Lessons Sequence						
TOPIC (S)	1. Eukaryotes and	prokaryotes	6. Chromosomes		10. Mitosis and cell cycle		
	2. Animal and plan	t cells	Mitosis and cell	l cycle	11. Stem cells		
Cell blology	3. Cell specialisation & differentiation 8. Ste		8. Stem cells	12. Diffusion			
	4. Microscopy (req prac) 9. Chromosomes			13. Osmosis (req prac)			
	5. Culturing microorganisms (req prac)			14. Active transport			
Knowledge & Skills	Classification of cells as pro/eukaryotes.			 Knowledge of how DNA is packaged. 			
development	Identification of cells including organelles			Collaborative nature of scientists including Watson & Crick.			
	Specialised cell examples.			 Label stages of mitosis and define outcomes. 			
	• Define stem cells and understand their importance in scientific			• Explain the "normal" cell cycle and how the cell cycle links to			
	advances. cancer.						
	• Skills development in using a microscope.			• Definition of diffusion. Describe how cells obtain gases.			
	Calculation of cell sizes, rearranging formula, orders of			Osmosis definition.			
	magnitude.			Practical skills of	actical skills development osmosis: using a cork borer,		
	Details of binary fission and growth graph stages. measuring volumes and mass.						
	• Practical skills; dilution factors, aseptic techniques, calculation			 Calculation of averages and % mass changes. 			
	of area, answers in standard form.			Active transport definition.			
Assessment /	Targeted questioning	Teacher assessment	Knowledge recall	Topic test	Targeted exam	Deep marking of	
Feedback	throughout topic	of practical skills	quick quizzes		questions	written task in	
Opportunities		during investigation -				students books	
		verbal					
Cultural Capital	Use of microscope						
	 Impact of religion on stem cell research and its results 						
	 Possible visit of STEM ambassador who works in stem cell research/genetics 						
	Possible link with local university to observe genetics lecture/workshop						
SMSC / Promoting	Debate on use of embryonic stem cells in research						
British Values	The impact of superbugs						
(Democracy, Liberty, Rule of Law. Tolerance & Respect)	 Working in groups during practicals or research tasks 						
	The impact of cancer incl advertising bans and efforts to increase public understanding of risk factors						
Recommended	 Newspaper articles on cancer rates, "Super Bugs", stem cell advances 						
Reading	 Reading and foll 	owing methods					
	 Recommended F 	Read: Cells (Stephanie H	erweck Paris)				
Key Vocabulary	Independent Variable, D	ependent Variable, Con	trol Variables, Method, C	Conclusion, Precaution, E	valuation, Reliable, Precis	sion, Valid, Anomaly,	
	Describe, Explain, Compare, Analyse, Calculate, Suggest						

	Sub-cellular structure, organelle, Nucleus, Cytoplasm, Cell membrane, Mitochondria, Ribosomes, Cell wall, Cellulose, Vacuole, Chloroplast,				
	Prokaryotic, Eukaryotic, Plasmid, DNA, Chromosomes, Gene, Cell cycle, Mitosis, Undifferentiated, Stem cell, Electron microscope, Resolution				
	Magnification, Diffusion, Concentration gradient, Surface area, Volume, Osmosis, Active transport, Water, ions, partially permeable, cancer, agar,				
	nutrient, binary fission, death phase, toxins, aseptic, inoculate.				
Digital Literacy	SharePoint resources including topic quizzes				
	Possible use of excel to plot graphs and analyse data, powerpoint, word, etc to present information, internet for research				
Cross-Curricular Links	PSHCE				
	Numeracy/Maths – averages (means), reading scales, graph plotting, lines of best fit, using and rearranging equations, using scientific calculators				
Careers	Genetic councillor, geneticist, oncologist, research scientist, hospital pathology dept.				