Aims of Chemistry Curriculum

The broad aims of the Chemistry Curriculum are to enable students to:

- develop interest and maintain a sense of wonder and curiosity about chemistry;
- construct and apply knowledge of chemistry, and appreciate the relationship between chemistry and other disciplines;
- appreciate and understand the evolutionary nature of science;
- develop skills for making scientific inquiries;
- develop the ability to think scientifically, critically and creatively, and solve problems individually and collaboratively in chemistry-related contexts;
- discuss science-related issues using the language of chemistry;
- make informed decisions and judgements on chemistry-related issues;
- develop open-mindedness, objectivity and pro-activeness;
- show appropriate awareness of working safely;
- understand and evaluate the social, ethical, economic, environmental and technological implications of chemistry, and develop an attitude of responsible citizenship.

Syllabus for Form 3 Estimated Time Allocation for the Chemistry Curriculum

	Topics		No. of hours
I.	Planet Earth	a. The Atmosphere	15
		b. The Ocean	
		c. Rocks and Minerals	
II.	Microscopic World I	a. Atomic Structure	13
		b. The Periodic Table	
	Fire Fighting	a. Chemical reactions	2
		and energy change	
		b. Different Types of	
		Fire Extinguisher	
		Total	30

F.4 Chemistry Curriculum (Compulsory Part)

	Topics	Sub-topics	No. of hours
II.	Microscopic World I	c. Metallic Bond	24
		d. Structures and Properties	
		of Metals	
		e. Ionic and Covalent Bond	
		f. Structures and Properties	
		of Giant Ionic Substances	

		g. Structures and Properties of Simple Molecular Substances h. Structures and Properties of Simple Molecular Substances i. Comparison of Structures and Properties of important types of substances	
III.	Metals	a. Occurrence and	22
IV.	Acids and Bases	 a. Introduction to acids and alkalis b. Indicators and pH c. Strength of acids and alkalis d. Salts and neutralization e. Concentration of solutions f. Volumetric Analysis involving acids and alkalis 	27
VII.	Redox Reactions, Chemical Cells and Electrolysis	a. Chemical Cells in daily life b. Reactions in simple chemical cells c. Redox reactions d. Redox reactions in chemical cells e. Electrolysis f. Importance of redox reactions in modern ways of living	26

Total 99 hours

F.5 Chemistry Curriculum (Compulsory Part)

	Topics	Sub-Topics	No. of hours
VI.	Microscopic World II	a. Bond Polarity	8

		b. Intermolecular forces	
		c. Structures and Properties	
		of Molecular Crystals	
		d. Simple Molecular	
		substances with non-octet	
		structures	
		e. Shapes of Simple	
		molecules	
V.	Fossil Fuels and Carbon	a. Hydrocarbons from Fossil	20
	Compounds	Fuel	
		b. Homologous series,	
		structural formulae	
		c. Alkanes and Alkenes	
		d. Polymers	
XI.	Chemistry of Carbon	a. Introduction to selected	27
	Compounds	homologous series	_,
	Compounds	b. Isomerism	
		c. Typical reactions of	
		various Functional	
		Groups	
		d. Inter-conversions of	
		Carbon Compounds	
		e. Important Organic	
X 7777		Substances	0
VIII.	Chemical Reactions and	a. Energy Changes in	9
	Energy	Chemical Reactions	
		b. Standard Enthalpy	
		Change of Reactions,	
		Neutralisation, Formation	
		and Combustion	
		c. Hess's Law	
IX.	Rate of Reaction	a. Rate of Chemical	9
		Reaction	
		b. Factors affecting Rate of	
		Reaction	
		c. Molar Volume of Gases	
		at room temperature and	
		pressure	
X.	Chemical Equilibrium	a. Dynamic Equilibrium	10
	1	b. Equilibrium Constant	
		c. The effect of changes in	
		concentration and	
		temperature on chemical	
		equilibria	
XI	Patterns in the Chemical	a. Periodic variation in	8
Al			o
	World	physical properties of the	

b. Bonding, stoichiometric composition and acid-base properties of the oxides	
c. General properties of transition metals	

Total 91 hours

Estimated Time Allocation for F.6 Chemistry Curriculum (Elective Part)

Elective Part(select any 2 out of 3)			
Topics		Sub-Topics	No. of hours
XIII.	Industrial Chemistry	a. Importance of Industrial	26
		Processes	
		b. Rate Equation	
		c. Activation Energy	
		d. Catalysis and Industrial	
		Processes	
		e. Industrial Processes	
		f. Green Chemistry	
XV.	Analytical Chemistry	a. Detecting the presences of	26
		chemical species	
		b. Separation and Purification	
		Methods	
		c. Quantitative Methods and	
		Analysis	
		d. Instrumental Analytical	
		Methods	
		e. Contribution of Analytical	
		Chemistry to our Society	

Total 52 hours