Sixth form Chemistry "Specification at a Glance" IB (SL / HL)

					
Standard Level (SL)	Higher Level (HL)				
Topic 1: Stoichiometric Relationships ■ Calculations, the mole concept	All topics 1-11 previously listed and in addition:				
Topic 2: Atomic Structure • Nuclear atom, electron configuration	Topic 12: Atomic Structure ● Electrons in atoms				
 Topic 3: Periodicity Periodic table and trends Topic 4: Chemical Bonding and Structure Ionic bonding and structure, covalent bonding and structures, intermolecular forces, metallic bonding Topic 5: Energetics / Thermochemistry Measuring energy changes, Hess's Law, bond enthalpies 	 Topic 13: Periodicity First row d-block metals and coloured complexes Topic 14: Chemical Bonding and Structure Covalent bonding and electron domain and molecular geometries (complex shapes) and hybridisation 				
 Topic 6: Chemical Kinetics Collision theory and rates of reaction Topic 7: Equilibrium Equilibrium 	Topic 15: Energetics / Thermochemistry ■ Energy cycles and entropy and spontaneity includes				
 Topic 8: Acids and Bases Acid / base theories, properties of acids and bases, pH scale, strong and weak acids and bases, acid deposition (environment) 	 Topic 16: Chemical Kinetics ■ Rate expression and reaction mechanisms and activation energy 				
 Topic 9: Redox Process Oxidation and reduction, electrochemical cells 	Topic 17: Equilibrium ■ The equilibrium law, △G = -RTInK				
 Topic 10: Organic Chemistry Fundamentals of organic chemistry, functional group chemistry 	 Topic 18: Acids and Bases ■ Lewis acids and bases, acid / bases calculations and pH curves (pK_w / pK_a / pK_b) 				
 Topic 11: Measurement and Analysis Uncertainties / errors, graphical techniques spectroscopic identification of organic compounds 	Topic 19: Redox Processes ● Electrochemical cells (advanced)				
	Topic 20: Organic Chemistry				

Topic 21: Measurement and Analysis

stereoisomerism

• Types of organic reactions, reaction pathways,

Spectroscopic identification of organic compounds	
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Standard and Higher Level Option

In addition to the 'core' of the course this qualification also includes the study of a specific option. The **Medicinal Chemistry** is generally the option chosen. The option will be the same for SL / HL but the content / time allocation is slightly higher.

Assessment of IB Chemistry

All content is assessed at the end of the two year study period with internal examinations and assessments carried out throughout the teaching period to enable pupils to reflect on and hone their examination technique.

Standard Level	Higher Level		
Paper 1: Multiple Choice paper	 Paper 1: Multiple Choice paper 60 minutes Assesses all of the core 20% of total 		
 Paper 2: Longer answer questions 75 minutes Assesses all of the core 40% of the total 	 Paper 2: Longer answer questions 135 minutes Assesses all of the core 36% of the total 		
Paper 3: Option paper	 Paper 3: Option paper 75 minutes Assesses option material and experimental techniques 24% of the total 		
 Practical Activities 10 hours of practical work on an individual internal assessment (practical or database work) investigation (6-10 pages) 10 hours working with the whole cohort on the group IV project (all IB students do this) 20% of the total 	 Practical Activities 10 hours of practical work on an individual internal assessment (practical or database work) investigation (6-10 pages) 10 hours working with the whole cohort on the group IV project (all IB students do this) 20% of the total 		
Other practical work carried out as an integral part of the course is logged by the teacher over the two years and submitted as a practical scheme of work (total minimum 40 hours is usually exceeded.)	Other practical work carried out as an integral part of the course is logged by the teacher over the two years and submitted as a practical scheme of work (total minimum 60 hours is usually exceeded.)		