

ARAB UNITY SCHOOL

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW YEAR 10 2019 – 2020

A guide for Parents and Students

SUBJECT: IGCSE Biology

Syllabus aims

The aims are:

- 1. Provide an enjoyable and worthwhile educational experience for all learners, whether or not they go on to study science beyond this level
- Enable learners to acquire sufficient knowledge and understanding to:

 become confident citizens in a technological world and develop an informed interest in scientific matters
 - be suitably prepared for studies beyond Cambridge IGCSE
- 3. Allow learners to recognize that science is evidence based and understand the usefulness, and the limitations, of scientific method
- 4. Develop skills that:

 are relevant to the study and practice of biology – are useful in everyday life – encourage a systematic approach to problem solving – encourage efficient and safe practice – encourage effective communication through the language of science

5. Develop attitudes relevant to biology such as:

 – concern for accuracy and precision – objectivity – integrity – enquiry – initiative – inventiveness

6. Enable learners to appreciate that:

 science is subject to social, economic, technological, ethical and cultural influences and limitations – the applications of science may be both beneficial and detrimental to the individual, the community and the environment.

Term 1	1. Characteristics and		
	classification of living		
	organisms		
	• Characteristics of living		
	organisms		
	• Concept and use of a		
	classification system		
	·Features of organisms	Role-play/Bingo-	
		in class rooms	
	. Dichotomous keys	(sen-managing)	
	· Dichotomous keys		
			Internal assessment-
			Oct10(unit 1)
	2 Organization of the		otto(unit 1)
	2. Organization of the		
	· Cell structure and		
	organization		
	· Levels of	Stating levels using	
	organization	unfamiliar examples-	
		in classrooms	
		(Reflective learning)	
	• Size of specimens		
			Curricular test -Oct 20-
			24 (Unit 1 and 2)
	3. Movement in and	Osmosis-investigatory	
	out of cells	experiment(Lab)-Octo	
	· Diffusion		
	· Osmosis		
	• Active transport		
	4 Riological	Story writing on	
	molecules	cholera-Nov week1-	
		BYOD(creative	
		thinking)	
	5. Enzymes	Planning activities-	
		amylase(enquiring)	
		Investigatory lab	
		experiments-	
		Catalase(Team	
		working)	

			Winter exam Nov18- Dec9 (Unit 1 to 4)
		XX 7* 4 1 1 1	Internal assessment-Nov 14(unit5)
		winter break	
Term 2	6. Plant nutrition	Independent Research project- model of DAM. Dec 12-Jan5 (creative thinking, self- organising and enquiring)	
	· Photosynthesis	ondan mg)	
	• Leaf structure		
	• Mineral requirements		Internal assessment Feb 2
			(Unit6)
	7. Human nutrition		
	• Diet	Research-deficiency diseases –BYOD-in class rooms(Enquiring and reflective learning)	
	· Alimentary canal		
	· Mechanical		
	• Chemical digestion	Investigatory Lab Experiment- DCPIP(Enquiring, Reflective learning, Self- organising Team work)	
	· Absorption	organising, ream work)	Curricular test - Feb6
			(units 5 - 6)
	8. Transport in plants		
	• Transport in plants		
	· Water uptake		

	• Transpiration	Factors affecting transpiration-Interpret data and draw graph- Numeracy(Reflective learning and enquiring)	
	Translocation (Extended candidates only)		
			Spring Exam-March1- 12(Units 5-8)
		Spring break Independent research project (March 26 to April 12) Sewage treatment plant model(Creative thinking and self- managing)	
Term 3	9. Transport in animals Transport in animals		
	Heart	Impact of modern lifestyle-CHD- documentary presentation in CR1 - Feb 26-(creative thinking, enquiring, self- organizing and	
	Blood and lymphatic vessels Blood	team work)	
			Internal assessment – May9 (Unit 9)
	10. Gas exchange in humans		
	11. Respiration		
	· Respiration	Planning activity- breathing rate	
	• Aerobic respiration	Investigatory experiments in Lab- yeast	

 Anaerobic respiration 12. Excretion in humans 		
13. Homeostasis	Planning- Heat loss with surface area (in class rooms)	
19. Organisms and their environment	Research topic(BYOD) And Home work	
Energy flow		
Food chains and food webs Nutrient cycles Population size		
21 Human influences on ecosystems Food supply Habitat destruction Pollution Conservation	Research topic-BYOD And Home work	
		Final end of year exam - June 1 - 18 (All units)

BYOD-Story writing on cholera

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jG1VNSCsP5Q

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z83qfcw/revision/5

BYOD-Research on deficiency diseases

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zdjfr82/revision/2

www.bbc.co.uk/learningzone/clips/a-balanced-diet/10609.html

lgfl.skoool.co.uk/content/keystage4/biology/pc/modules/digestion/malnutrition/index.html

BYOD-Impact of modern lifestyle-CHD-documentary presentation

Mary Jones Revised text book

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/z324fcw/revision/1

BYOD-Human influences on ecosystems

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zt8f4qt/revision/1

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/ztr2w6f/revision/1

BYOD-Organisms and their environment

Mary Jones text book

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zwnxtyc/revision/1