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	
III	Extension		2
	a) Fire Fighting	a. Chemical reactions	
		and energy change	
		b. Different Types of	
		Fire Extinguisher	
	b) refining of crude oil and the use		
	of petroleum		
	c) Alloys and their uses		
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Total 30

F.4 Chemistry Curriculum (Compulsory Part)

	Topics	Sub-topics	No. of hours
II.	Microscopic World I	a. Metallic Bond	24
		b. Structures and Properties of	
		Metals	
		c. Ionic and Covalent Bond	
		d. Structures and Properties of	
		Giant Ionic Substances	
		e. Structures and Properties of	
		Simple Molecular	
		Substances	
		f. Structures and Properties of	
		Simple Molecular	
		Substances	
		g. Comparison of Structures	
		and Properties of important	
		types of substances	
III.	Metals	a. Occurrence and Extraction	22
		of Metals	
		b. Reactivity of Metals	
		c. Reacting masses	
		d. Corrosion of Metals and	
		their Protection	
IV.	Acids and Bases	a. Introduction to acids and	27
		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	
VII.	Redox Reactions,	a. Chemical Cells in daily life	26
	Chemical Cells and	b. Reactions in simple	
	Electrolysis	chemical cells	
		c. Redox reactions	
		d. Redox reactions in chemical	
		cells	
		e. Electrolysis	
		f. Importance of redox	
		reactions in modern ways of	
		living	

Total 99 hours

F.5 Chemistry Curriculum (Compulsory Part)

	Topics	Sub-Topics	No. of hours
VI.	Microscopic World II Fossil Fuels and Carbon	a. Bond Polarity b. Intermolecular forces c. Structures and Properties of Molecular Crystals d. Simple Molecular substances with non-octet structures e. Shapes of Simple molecules a. Hydrocarbons from Fossil	8
	Compounds	Fuel b. Homologous series, structural formulae c. Alkanes and Alkenes d. Polymers	
XI.	Chemistry of Carbon Compounds	 a. Introduction to selected homologous series b. Isomerism c. Typical reactions of various Functional Groups d. Inter-conversions of Carbon Compounds e. Important Organic Substances 	27
VIII.	Chemical Reactions and Energy	 a. Energy Changes in Chemical Reactions b. Standard Enthalpy Change of Reactions, Neutralisation, Formation and Combustion c. Hess's Law 	9
IX.	Rate of Reaction	 a. Rate of Chemical Reaction b. Factors affecting Rate of Reaction c. Molar Volume of Gases at room temperature and pressure 	9
X.	Chemical Equilibrium	a. Dynamic Equilibriumb. Equilibrium Constantc. The effect of changes in	10

		concentration and temperature on chemical equilibria
XI	Patterns in the Chemical World	 a. Periodic variation in physical properties of the elements 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