

# A Level Chemistry Curriculum Overview

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Periodicity

Reactivity trends

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Enthalpy

Atoms, ions and compounds

- Atomic structure and isotopes .
- Relative formula mass and formulae equations

Amount of substance

- Amount of substance and the mole
- Moles and volume (PAG 1.1 Determining the formula of a ٠ compound)
- **Reacting quantities** ٠

Electrons and bonding

- Electron structure
- Ionic and covalent bonding ٠

Acid and redox

- Acid, base and neutralisation (PAG 2.3 Identifying an unknown . carbonate)
- Acid-base titrations
- REDOX

Shapes of molecules and intermolecular forces

- Shapes of molecules and ions
- Electronegativity and polarity
- Intermolecular forces and hydrogen bonding

Rates of reactions

- Orders, rate equations and constants
- Concentration time graphs
- Rate concentration graphs (PAG 10.1 Iodine clock)
- Reaction determining step

Equilibrium

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Equilibrium constant Kc part 2 ٠

- Equilibrium constant Kp .
- Controlling the position of equilibrium

Acids, bases and pH

- Bronsted-Lowry acids and bases
- pH scale and strong acids (PAG 11.2 pH titration curves)
- Acid dissociation Ka, pH of weak and strong acids

Aromatic Chemistry

- Benzene and substitution reactions ٠
- Chemistry of phenol
- Distributing and directing groups
- Carbonyls and carboxylic acids
  - Identifying carbonyl compounds
  - Carboxylic acid derivative (PAG 6.1 synthesising asprin) .
- Amines, amino acids and proteins
  - Amino acids, amides and chirality
  - Condensation polymers

Enthalpy and entropy Lattice enthalpy Redox and electrode potentials Redox reactions Transition elements D-block Stereoisomerism Ligand substitution Organic synthesis Chromatography and spectroscopy

Chromatography and functional group analysis NMR Carbon-13 NMR Spectroscopy Proton NMR



- Periodic table Ionisation energies
- Periodic trends in bonding and structure
- Group 2 and halogens Qualitative analysis (PAG 4.3 Identifying unknowns)
- Measuring enthalpy changes (PAG 3.1 Determination of the enthalpy change of neutralisation)
- Bond enthalpies
- Hess' law and enthalpy cycles
- Reaction rates and equilibrium Reaction rates (PAG 9.3 Rate of reaction of magnesium and hydrochloric
  - Catalysts

acid)

- Boltzmann distribution
- Le Chatelier's principle
- The equilibrium constant Kc
- Basic concepts of organic chemistry
  - Organic chemistry
  - Nomenclature Isomerism
  - Reaction mechanisms introduction

- Buffers and neutralisation Buffer solutions in the body Neutralisation

  - Enthalpy changes in solution Factors effecting lattice enthalpy and hydration Entropy and free energy
- Redox titrations (PAG 12.1 Investigating iron tablets)
  - Electrode potentials (PAG 8.1 Electrochemical cells)
  - Formation and shapes of ions **REDOX** and qualitative analysis
  - Carbon-carbon bond formation Further practical techniques Further synthetic routes (PAG 7.2 Identifying organic unknowns)
  - Combined techniques

## Alkanes and Alkenes

- Properties of alkanes and their reactions .
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### Alcohols

- Properties if alcohols and their reactions . Haloalkanes
  - Chemistry of haloalkanes (PAG 5.1 Synthesis of ٠ haloalkane)
- Organohalogen compounds in the environment Organic synthesis
  - Practical techniques in organic chemistry .
  - Synthetic routes ٠
- Spectroscopy
  - Mass spectroscopy .
  - IR spectroscopy

## **Revision** of identified topics

