Year 13: Physics	Curriculum Intent: Students follow the two-year OCR A-Level (A) Physics specification. Students build on their knowledge from Year 12 and develop their mathematical skills throughout the course. Pupils study Module 5 and 6 of the OCR specification before taking their external examinations. Learning is supported by practical work and students will complete approximately 8 practical assessments (PAGs) during the year which count towards their final qualification. Students are taught by 2 teachers				
	Module 5	Module 6	Revision	A – level examinations	
Key ideas	 How can gases be modelled at a macroscopic level? How can rotating and oscillating systems be analysed? How do the laws of gravity predict the motion of celestial bodies? How do stars evolve and how can they be studied from earth? How did our Universe begin and what evidence supports the Big Bang? 	 How do capacitors work and how they can analysed in circuits? How do we use electric and magnetic fields to analyse and simplify systems? How do charged particles interact with electric and magnetic fields? What mathematical models does radioactive decay follow? What are the implications of E=mc² for energy released in nuclear reactions? How is Physics used in medical imaging? 	Pupils will undertake a period of revision in lessons for their external examinations		
Sequence of Learning -	 Circular motion Simple harmonic motion Gravitational fields Stars Cosmology 	 Capacitors Electric fields Magnetism Radioactivity Nuclear energy Medical imaging 			
Vocabulary	The list of key words is too num	erous for inclusion here. The recomm	ended course textbook provides a	complete Glossary of key word	
Practical Skills (relevant PAGs)	 PAG 5.1 – diffraction grating PAG 8.2 – Boyles Law PAG 10.1- simple harmonic 	 PAG 7.1 – random nature of radioactive decay PAG 9.1 charging and discharging capacitors 			

discharging capacitors

motion

	PAG 10.3 -static and dynamics to find a spring constant	 PAG 9.2 capacitors in series and parallel PAG 11.3 – strength of a magnet 	
Assessment (Related to mastery grids)	Pupils will be assessed through completion of tests, practical work and other assignments.	Pupils will be assessed through completion of tests, practical work and other assignments.	