

Subject	Year	Term	
Chemistry	12	4	
Topic			

4.2.4 Analytical techniques

Content (Intent)

Prior Learning (Topic) C7 Organic chemistry **KS5 Y12** 2.2.2 Bonding and structure 4.1.1 Basic Concepts, 4.2.1 Alcohols 4.2.2 Haloalkanes

Infrared spectroscopy

- (a) infrared (IR) radiation causes covalent bonds to vibrate more and absorb energy
- **(b)** absorption of infrared radiation by atmospheric gases containing C=O, O-H and C-H bonds (e.g. CO₂, H₂O and CH4), the suspected link to global warming and resulting changes to energy usage
- (c) use of an infrared spectrum of an organic compound to identify:
 - (i) an alcohol from an absorption peak of the O-H bond
 - (ii) an aldehyde or ketone from an absorption peak of the C=O bond
 - (iii) a carboxylic acid from an absorption peak of the C=O bond and a broad absorption peak of the O-H bond
- (d) interpretations and predictions of an infrared spectrum of familiar or unfamiliar substances using supplied data
- (e) use of infrared spectroscopy to monitor gases causing air pollution (e.g. CO and NO from car emissions) and in modern breathalysers to measure ethanol in the breath

Mass spectrometry

- **(f)** use of a mass spectrum of an organic compound to identify the molecular ion peak and hence to determine molecular mass
- (g) analysis of fragmentation peaks in a mass spectrum to identify parts of structures.

Combined techniques

- (h) deduction of the structures of organic compounds from different analytical data including:
 - (i) elemental analysis (see also 2.1.3c)
 - (ii) mass spectra
 - (iii) IR spectra.

Future Learning (Topic) Y13 6.3.1 Chromatography and qualitative analysis 6.3.1 Spectroscopy

How will knowledge and skills be taught? (Implementation)	How will your understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)
Presentation, notes, worked examples, molymods, model answers and exam style questions.	- 1 x standard homework (Grade given. Written feedback. Response expected.)

How can parents help at home?

Look at the topic specific resources on the VLE

Use appropriate websites: MachemGuy, Allery Chemistry, Chemistry World – by Royal Society of Chemistry, ChemGuide.

Take an interest! Ask your children what they have learnt and be curious about their learning.

Helpful further reading/discussion

Reading	Vocabulary Lists	Careers Links
Textbook pages 252-266	Infrared	Analytical chemist
The Science of Everyday Life	Absorption	Chemical engineer
by Marty Jopson	Atmospheric gases	Clinical biochemist
Why Chemical Reactions	Peak	Forensic scientist
Happen by Keeler and	Mass spectrometry	Pharmacologist
Wothers	Elemental analysis	Process chemist
		Quality control analyst
		Research scientist
		Science writer
		Site chemist
		Teacher or lecturer
		Degrees;
		Chemistry
		Biochemistry
		Biomedical science
		Biological sciences
		Medicine
		Research chemist
		Veterinary medicine