

Subject	Ye	ar	Term	
Chemistry	1	2	3	
Торіс				
4.1.2 Alkanes				
Content (Intent)				
Prior Learning (Topic) KS4 Y9 C7 Organic chemistry KS5 Y12 4.1.1 Basic concepts				
<ul> <li>Properties of alkanes <ul> <li>(a) alkanes as saturated hydrocarbons containing single C–C and C–H bonds as σ-bonds (overlap of orbitals directly between the bonding atoms); free rotation of the σ-bond</li> <li>(b) explanation of the tetrahedral shape and bond angle around each carbon atom in alkanes in terms of electron pair repulsion (see also 2.2.2 g–h)</li> <li>(c) explanation of the variations in boiling points of alkanes with different carbon-chain length and branching, in terms of induced dipole–dipole interactions (London forces) (see also 2.2.2 k)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Reactions of alkanes <ul> <li>(d) the low reactivity of alkanes with many reagents in terms of the high bond enthalpy and very low polarity of the σ-bonds present (see also 2.2.2 j)</li> <li>(e) complete combustion of alkanes, as used in fuels, and the incomplete combustion of alkane fuels in a limited supply of oxygen with the resulting potential dangers from CO</li> <li>(f) the reaction of alkanes with chlorine and bromine by radical substitution using ultraviolet radiation, including a mechanism involving homolytic fission and radical reactions in terms of initiation, propagation and termination (see also 4.1.1 f–g)</li> <li>(g) the limitations of radical substitution in synthesis by the formation of a mixture of organic products, in terms of further substitution and reactions at different positions in a carbon chain.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>				
Future Learning (Topic) KS5 Y	<b>12</b> 4.1.3 Alkene	s 4.2.1 Alcohol	ls 4.2.2 Haloalkanes 4.2.3	
organic synthesis 4.2.4 Analytical techniques <b>Y13</b> 6.1.1 Aromatic compounds 6.2.4 Carbon-carbon bond formation 6.2.5 Organic synthesis				
How will knowledge and skills		-	understanding be assessed &	
(Implementation)	J	recorded (Imp		
Presentation, notes, worked examples model answers and exam style questic	•		homework (Grade given. back. 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
Text book Chapter 12 p.190- 195 The Science of Everyday Life by Marty Jopson Why Chemical Reactions Happen by Keeler and Wothers	<i>Hydrocarbon</i> σ-bonds tetrahedral <i>bond enthalpy</i> <i>combustion</i> <i>radical substitution</i> <i>ultraviolet</i> <i>initiation</i> <i>propagation</i> <i>termination</i>	Analytical chemist Chemical engineer Clinical biochemist Forensic scientist Pharmacologist Process chemist Quality control analyst Research scientist Science writer Site chemist Teacher or lecturer Degrees; Chemistry Biochemistry Biochemistry Biomedical science Biological sciences Medicine Research chemist Veterinary medicine