

Subject	Year 7 Threshold Knowledge – Autumn/Spring/Summer term	How to support students' learning
Physics	<p><b>Autumn Term</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recall the 8 stores of energy.</li> <li>2. Recall the 4 energy pathways.</li> <li>3. Know that energy cannot be created or destroyed but can be transferred, stored or dissipated.</li> <li>4. Explain how energy is conserved when objects fall.</li> <li>5. Describe how elastic potential energy effects how far an object will travel.</li> <li>6. Know that the thermal energy of an object depends upon its mass, temperature and the material it is made of.</li> <li>7. Know that when there is a temperature difference, thermal energy transfers from the hotter to the cooler object.</li> <li>8. Describe how thermal energy is transferred through different pathways, by particles, in conduction and convection, and by radiation.</li> <li>9. Describe how an object's temperature changes over time when heated or cooled.</li> <li>10. Describe how a method of thermal insulation works in terms of conduction.</li> <li>11. Draw diagrams to show convection currents.</li> <li>12. Describe the effects forces have on objects.</li> <li>13. Explain the difference between a contact and a non-contact force.</li> <li>14. Describe the factors that affect friction.</li> <li>15. Describe what air resistance is.</li> <li>16. Define elastic deformation and use Hooke's law in calculations.</li> <li>17. Safely carry out the Hooke's law practical to investigate the effect of force on a spring.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Use BBC bitesize Physics:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh2xsbk">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zh2xsbk</a></li> <li>• Get pupils to set themselves quizzes on Educake (The Science Department's homework platform) to help them revise topics they are trying to understand.</li> <li>• Talk about science at home and what students have learnt today. As well as discuss new scientific advances in the news.</li> <li>• Watch 'Into the universe with Stephen Hawking' documentary.</li> <li>• Use the link below to help find lessons you need to refresh and want to revise; <a href="https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons">https://continuityoak.org.uk/lessons</a></li> </ul>

18. Draw a graph of results and describe the important features of the Hooke's law graph.

**Spring Term**

- 19. Define work done.
- 20. Understand how force and distance affect work done.
- 21. Recall and use the equation:  
Work done (J) = force (N) x distance moved (m).
- 22. Understand how machines like levers and pulleys make work easier.

**Summer Term**

- 23. Describe how particles vibrate in a transverse and longitudinal wave.
- 24. Give examples of transverse and longitudinal waves.
- 25. Label diagrams of transverse and longitudinal waves.
- 26. Define the terms wavelength, amplitude and frequency.
- 27. Understand what a water wave is and how to calculate the speed of one.
- 28. Describe some uses of transverse and longitudinal waves.