

A level Biology

Task

Autumn term

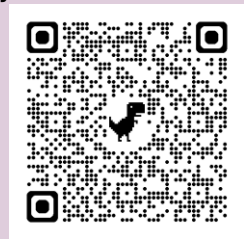
Watch one of the following films and **Write an** essay debating the relevant ethical implications.

- **1997 Gattaca** – involves genetic engineering and discrimination and eugenics.
- **2010 Never Let Me Go** – Human cloning and organ donation
- **2011 Contagion** – involves issues regarding resource allocation, quarantine and informed consent.

Read one of the following **articles** and summarise the findings and present report either to your teacher or class.

- Mechanisms of Antibiotic Resistance (doi: [10.1128/microbiolspec.VMBF-0016-2015](https://doi.org/10.1128/microbiolspec.VMBF-0016-2015))
- **Hypertension and cardiomyopathy associated with chronic kidney disease: epidemiology, pathogenesis and treatment considerations** (<https://doi.org/10.1038/s41371-022-00751-4>)

Watch and make Cornell notes on. **TEDtalk: A simple new blood test that can catch cancer early**



Write a summary on the podcast called "The **Skeptics' Guide to the Universe**" episode called "**Vaccines, Autism, and The God Hel**" (Episode #605)



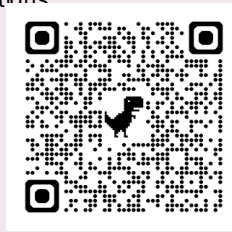
Spring term

Task: Write a detailed case study of a person with an autoimmune disease of your choice.
Challenge: Explain the underlying immunological mechanisms behind autoimmunity and treatment options.



Organize a debate on a controversial topic covered in Netflix documentary: **Hack your health: The secrets of your gut** (Rating PG)
Possible topics could be:

- The use of biohacking techniques to enhance human performance.
- Ethical considerations in genetic modification and CRISPR technology.
- The balance between natural remedies and pharmaceutical interventions



Research and prepare a presentation on the life of Henrietta Lacks and HeLa cells in scientific research.
Please include

- Background and life of Henrietta Lacks.
- The discovery and characteristics of HeLa cells.
- Major scientific breakthroughs made possible by HeLa cells.
- Ethical issues surrounding the use of Henrietta Lacks' cells without her consent.

Explore tools used to analyse genomic SARS-COV-2 data by **Completing** a 3 week online bioinformatics course (free)



Summer term

Create a **book report** for one of the following books and present to your Biology teacher or class.
Options include (but not limited to):

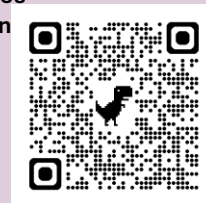
- Bad Science: Ben Goldacre
- Invisible Women : Caroline Criado Perez
- The ancestor's tale: Richard Dawkins
- Genome: Matt Ridley
- The Brain That Changes Itself: Norman Doidge
- The Body, A guide for occupants: Bill Bryson

Watch and make Cornell notes on. **TEDtalk: How CRISPR lets us edit our DNA**



















Create a presentation comparing different types of vaccines and their mode of action

- **Live Attenuated vaccines**
- **Inactivated vaccines**
- **Viral vector vaccines**
- **Nucleic acid vaccines**
- **mRNA vaccines**



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A level Chemistry	Task			
Autumn term	<p>Complete 2020 question paper for the Cambridge challenge</p> 	<p>Write a journal review on the Introductory book in Chemistry</p> 	<p>Make a concept map based on Boron nitride</p> 	<p>Draw the mechanisms of action of paracetamol, show your chemistry teacher</p>
Spring term	<p>Find the structure of various chemical substances .Assign these intro polar, non-polar categories</p> 	<p>Write a brief report on the application of chemistry in toxicology</p> 	<p>Create lecture notes on the application of mass spectroscopy in real life</p> 	<p>Complete the Cambridge University challenge questions</p> 
Summer term	<p>Complete the Cambridge University challenge questions</p> 	<p>Complete this course and download your certificate</p> 	<p>Complete this course and download your certificate</p> 	<p>Complete Chemistry problem solving activities</p> 

A level Physics	Task			
Autumn term	<p>Research the concept of magnetic domains and how they contribute to the magnetization of ferromagnetic materials.</p> 	<p>Develop a computer model or physical simulation to illustrate the behavior of magnetic domains under different conditions (e.g., applying an external magnetic field, heating).</p>	<p>Attend a Physics lecture</p> 	<p>Write a detailed review based on this game</p> 
Spring term	<p>Create a mind map on a topic from the Cambridge university reading list</p> 	<p>Complete this course and download your certificate</p> 	<p>Learn Basic Coding •Description: Use platforms like Scratch or Code.org to learn the basics of coding. •Resources: Scratch, Code.org</p>	<p>Design a pair of "super glasses" that use lenses and mirrors to enhance vision in different ways (e.g., night vision, magnification). Challenge: Use lens equations to determine the focal lengths and magnifications of your lenses.</p>
Summer term	<p>Create a video game concept where players need to use principles of mechanics (e.g., conservation of momentum, rotational motion) to solve puzzles. Challenge: Provide the physics equations and solutions for key game mechanics.</p>	<p>Design a futuristic transportation system that uses electromagnetic induction (like a maglev train). Explain the physics behind it. Challenge: Calculate the forces, currents, and magnetic fields involved in your design.</p>	<p>Create a board game that involves navigating through different fields (electric, magnetic, gravitational). Explain how players can use field principles to their advantage. Challenge: Provide detailed rules and equations for calculating field strengths and forces in the game.</p>	<p>Imagine you're an engineer designing a new amusement park ride. Explain how you would use electric fields to create a thrilling experience. Challenge: Calculate the forces and potential differences involved in your design.</p>