Meden School Curriculum Planning								
Subject	Biology	Year Group	10	Sequence No.	1	Торіс	Cells	

Retrieval	Core Knowledge	Student Thinking
What do teachers need <b>retrieve</b> from students before they start teaching <b>new</b> <b>content</b> ?	What <b>specific ambitious knowledge</b> do teachers need teach students in this sequence of learning?	What real life examples can be applied to this sequence of learning to <b>development</b> of our students thinking, encouraging them to see the inequalities around them and 'do something about them!'
KS3 Learning	L1 - How do cells become specialised?	L2 – Should we use embryos to cure
	Differentiation is the process by which cells change to become specialized. Cells develop different	diseases?
<u>Year 7</u>	subcellular structures to carry out specific functions. Most differentiation occurs as an organism	Talk to students about the ethical and
Organisms & Body Systems topic	develops in the early stages. Plant cells can <b>differentiate</b> their entire throughout their entire lifespan.	moral considerations around using
Basic cells, tissues, organs, organ systems	Cells that <b>differentiate</b> in animals are mainly used for repairing and replacing cells. Undifferentiated cells	embryonic stem cells in science.
and organisms.	are stem cells.	
	Examples of differentiated cells are: sperm cell, nerve cell, blood cells, root hair cell, muscle cells.	
Reproduction topic		
Introduced to the structure of egg and	L2 – How can stem cells cure diseases?	
sperm cells.	and are known as <b>embryonic stem cells</b> .	
Year 8	<b>Embryonic stem cells</b> be used to replace faulty cells in sick people. E.g. making nerve cells for people	
	with paralysis or insulin-producing cells for people with diabetes.	
Plant Structure and Reproduction topic	Therapeutic cloning is making an embryo that has the same genes as the patient, this means the patient	
Students should know the structure of a	won't <b>reject</b> the <b>stem cells</b> from the <b>embryo</b> . The risk of using these types of stem cells is that these	
leaf in cross section, identifying the layers	stem cells could be infected with a virus that could be passed onto the patient and make them sicker.	
of tissue	Adult stem cells are found in bone marrow, these are limited into what they can differentiate into e.g.	
	blood cells. Plants retain stem cells throughout their life. Plant stem cells are called meristems. They are	
<u>Microbes topic</u>	found in the <b>roots</b> and <b>shoots</b> . They can <b>differentiate</b> into any type of plant cell.	
That a microbe can be a bacteria, virus or		
fungus.	L3 – What Is the difference between eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells?	
	Eukaryotic cells include animal, plant and fungi cells. Prokaryotic cells include bacterial cells.	
Digestion topic	Prokaryotic cells do NOT contain a nucleus they contain a nucleoid. They do contain ribosomes, cell	
The Villi structures in the small intestine	membrane, cell wall and cytoplasm. Some Prokaryotic cells also contain other structures called:	
is only one cell thick so there is a short	piasmids, pilli, flagellum, slime capsules.	

Misconception to address – Bacteria is plural, bacterium is singular, bacterial is caused by bacteria.	
Prokaryotic cells come in many different shapes and sizes, and you need microscopes to be able to see	
them.	
L4 - How do I convert between different units and work out the size of cells?	
Scientists use different units when measuring objects of different sizes. To convert between the units is	
a <b>skill</b> needed.	
(Largest) (Smallest)	
Meter (m), Millimeter (mm), Micrometer (um) and nanometer (nm)	
To get smaller you x1000 to get larger you ÷1000	
To work out the size of cells the <b>formula</b> for <b>magnification</b> must be used.	
Magnification = Image size ÷ actual size	
A step-by-step method of the formula is to be used and if the image size and actual size are in different	
units' skills from L5 need to be applied.	
L5 – How do I draw and observe cells like a scientist? Required practical activity 1	
Identify and label the parts of a light microscope: objective Lense, eyepiece, stage, stag clips, coarse	
focus, fine focus, light, arm, tube and base.	
The differences between an electron microscope and light microscope.	
Preparation of a slide:	
Add a drop of water to a clean slide.	
Cut up an onion and take off one layer of epidermal tissue.	
Place the sample in the water on the slide.	
Add a drop of iodine to the slide.	
Place a cover slip on the sample and remove air bubbles.	
Place the slide under the microscope to observe and draw.	
16 – How do we not run out of cells?	
Every cell in your body (apart from <b>red blood cells</b> ) have a <b>nucleus</b> . The <b>nucleus</b> contains <b>genetic</b>	
material in the form of chromosomes. Chromosomes are coiled lengths of DNA. Body cells have 23 pairs	
of chromosomes 46 chromosomes in total. Body cells in multicellular organisms divide to make new	
cells in a process called the <b>cell cycle</b> . The stage of the cycle where the cell divides is called <b>mitosis</b> .	
The process of <b>mitosis</b> involves:	
1. The cell grows and increases subcellular structures such as ribosomes and mitochondria. DNA is	
also copied.	
2. DNA forms X-shaped chromosomes. Each arm is an exact copy.	
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3. Chromosomes line up along the centre of the cell. The two arms are pulled to opposite ends of
the cell. Mitosis has begun.
4. The nucleus divides.
5. The cell membrane and cytoplasm divide to form two new daughter cells who are identical to
each other and the parent cell.
L7 – How do substances move into and out of cells?
Diffusion is the net movement of particles from a region of higher concentration to a region of lower
concentration. Diffusion is a passive process; this means it doesn't require any additional energy to take
place.
Factors that can affect the rate of diffusion are Concentration gradient, Surface area, Temperature, Size
of particles, Distance.
The part of the cell controls the <b>movement</b> of <b>substances</b> into and out of the cell is the <b>cell membrane</b> .
Active transport is an active process which means it requires additional energy to occur. It involves the
movement of <b>particles</b> from an area of <b>low concentration</b> to an area of <b>high concentration</b> against the
concentration gradient.
Plant cells use active transport in their root hair cells to allow them to absorb the mineral ions from the
soil against the concentration gradient.
L8 – How does water move into and out of cells?
Osmosis is the movement of water molecules through a partially permeable membrane from an area of
high-water concentration to an area of low water concentration. A partially permeable membrane is a
membrane with tiny holes in it which allows water to move in both directions. Osmosis is a passive
process; this means it does not require any additional energy to take place.
L9 – Osmosis required practical <b>Required practical activity 2</b>
Investigate the effect of a range of concentrations of salt or sugar solutions on the mass of plant tissue.
students should be able to:
use simple compound measures of rate of water uptake
use <b>percentages</b>
calculate percentage gain and loss of mass of plant tissue.
Be able to <b>plot, draw</b> and <b>interpret appropriate graphs</b> .
L10 – Why is it better to have lots of small cells?
Calculate and compare surface area to volume ratios. Explain the need for exchange surfaces and a
transport system in multicellular organisms in terms of surface area to volume ratio.

Explain how the <b>small intestine</b> and <b>lungs</b> in <b>mammals, gills</b> in <b>fish</b> , and the <b>roots</b> and <b>leaves</b> in <b>plants</b> , are adapted for exchanging materials.	
In <b>multicellular organisms, surfaces</b> and <b>organ systems</b> are <b>specialised</b> for <b>exchanging</b> materials. This is to allow sufficient <b>molecules</b> to be <b>transported</b> into and out of <b>cells</b> for the <b>organism's</b> needs. The effectiveness of an exchange surface is increased by: having a <b>large surface area</b> a <b>membrane</b> that is <b>thin</b> , to provide a <b>short diffusion path</b> (in animals) having an efficient blood supply	
(in animais, for gaseous exchange) being ventilated.	