Junior category

The syllabus encompasses the whole of SPM Form 4-5 (equivalent to IGCSE Year 10 and 11) and STPM syllabi (equivalent to A level, IB, UEC, Foundation) as well as the topics stated below.

<u>For subjects besides Maths, Students are expected to have learnt:</u>
Mathematics skills commonly encountered at Form 4 and Form 5 levels such as plotting graphs, calculus and algebra. More advanced mathematics skills, if required, will be included as one of the advanced topics.

Biology

- Cell biology, Microbiology
 - Structure and function of cell organelles
 - Prokaryotic cell organization
- Plant and animals
 - Structure and function of tissues and organs
- Ethology and Ecology
 - o Types of innate and learned, foraging, defensive, and mating behaviour
 - Biological rhythms
 - Individual organisms, population, communities and ecosystems
- Genetics and Evolution
 - Variation (mutation and modification)
 - Mendelian inheritance and the Hardy-Weinberg principle
 - Multiple allelism, recombination and sex linkage
 - Mechanisms of evolution (mutation, natural selection, isolation, adaptation)
- Biosystematics
 - Structure and function, evolutionary and ecological relationships
- Biochemistry
 - Reaction pathways between organisms
 - Biogeochemical cycles

Chemistry

- Physical chemistry (encompasses both O-level and SPM), and also
 - Thermochemistry: Hess' law and Gibbs Free Energy (read up from A level textbook)
 - Hygroscopicity
- Organic chemistry (encompasses both O-level and SPM), and also
 - Unit cell
 - Structural, skeletal and condensed formula
 - Oxidation of alcohols to aldehydes, ketones and carboxylic acids
 - Reduction of aldehydes, ketones and carboxylic acids to alcohols
 - Acidic and basic hydrolysis of esters
- Inorganic chemistry
 - Group 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 17 chemistry
- Analytical chemistry

Physics

- Mechanics
 - o 1D & 2D Kinematics
 - Newton's Laws of Motion
 - Momentum, work and energy
 - Fluid mechanics (including Pascal's, Archimedes' and Bernoulli's principles)
 - Oscillations (equations of motion, frequency, angular frequency and period)
 - o Rotational dynamics and kinematics
- Electricity and magnetism
 - o Electrostatics and magnetic fields
 - Electromagnetic induction and forces
 - o DC Circuits
- Wave and optics
 - Wave properties and propagation (inc. Fermat's principle and Snell's Law)
 - o Interference and diffraction
 - Geometrical optics (including reflection, refraction, polarization)
 - Optical devices
- Classical thermodynamics
 - Molecular properties and kinetic theory of ideal gases
 - o Isothermal, isobaric and isochoric processes
 - Heat transfer and phase transitions
- Basic Modern Physics
 - Quantum physics (inc. photoelectric effect, Compton scattering, Bohr atomic model)
 - Nuclear physics (inc. decays, mass defect)

Mathematics

- Inequality
- Polynomial
- Sequence
- Vector
- Single Variable Calculus
- Permutations and Combinations
- Extremal combinatorics
- Probability and expected value
- Euclidean Geometry
- Trigonometry
- Divisibility
- Modular Arithmetic
- Functional equation
- Diophantine equation
- Proof writing and logic

Planetary Science

- Meteorology
- Geology
- Oceanography
- Celestial Mechanics (basic knowledge of Kepler's Laws and orbits)
- Celestial Coordinates and the Cosmic Distance Ladder
- Practical Observation

Social Science

- Microeconomics
 - Competition
 - Market failures
 - Government intervention
- Macroeconomics
 - o AD/AS model
 - Economic history
 - Fiscal, monetary and supply-side policy
 - o Inequality & institutions
 - Currency, exchange rates
 - Trade & protectionism (including Keynesian & Monetarist schools of thought)
- Basic Philosophical Knowledge
 - Ethics (including utilitarianism and deontology)
 - o Epistemology (including empiricism and rationalism)
 - Metaphysics
 - Political Philosophy
- Language Characteristic Pattern Analysis
- Logic

Senior category

The syllabus encompasses the whole of STPM Form 6 (equivalent to A level, IB, UEC, Foundation) syllabi as well as the topics stated below.

<u>For subjects besides Maths, Students are expected to have learnt:</u>
Mathematics skills commonly encountered at Pre-U level such as plotting graphs, calculus and algebra. More advanced mathematics skills, if required, will be included as one of the advanced topics.

Biology

- Cell biology, Microbiology
 - Structure and function of cell organelles
 - o Prokaryotic cell organization
- Plant and animals
 - Structure and function of tissues and organs
- Ethology and Ecology
 - Method of ethology
 - o Types of innate and learned, foraging, defensive, and mating behaviour
 - Biological rhythms
 - o Individual organisms, population, communities and ecosystems
- Genetics and Evolution
 - Variation (mutation and modification)
 - Mendelian inheritance and the Hardy-Weinberg principle
 - o Multiple allelism, recombination and sex linkage
 - Mechanisms of evolution (mutation, natural selection, isolation, adaptation)
- Biosystematics
 - Structure and function, evolutionary and ecological relationships
- Biochemistry
 - Reaction pathways between organisms
 - o Biogeochemical cycles

Chemistry

- Physical chemistry (encompasses both A-level and Form 6), and also
 - Gibbs free energy
- Organic chemistry
 - Infrared (IR) spectroscopy
 - Stereochemistry (R/S and E/Z configurations)
 - Organic synthesis (encompasses both A-level & Form 6 and some concepts from Organic Chemistry by Clayden)
- Inorganic chemistry
 - o Solid state structure
 - Mass spectroscopy
 - o Group 1, 2, 14, 15, 16, 17 and Transition elements chemistry
 - Stereochemistry (cis/trans, mer/fac)
 - o Crystal Field Theory (CFT) Calculation aspect will not be tested
- Analytical chemistry
 - o Potentiometric titration

Physics

- Mechanics
 - 1D & 2D Kinematics
 - Newton's Laws of Motion
 - Momentum, work and energy
 - Fluid mechanics (including Pascal's, Archimedes' and Bernoulli's principles)
 - Oscillations (equations of motion, frequency, angular frequency and period)
 - o Rotational dynamics and kinematics
- Electricity and magnetism
 - Electrostatics and magnetic fields
 - Electromagnetic induction and forces
 - o DC Circuits
- Wave and optics
 - Wave properties and propagation (inc. Fermat's principle and Snell's Law)
 - o Interference and diffraction
 - Geometrical optics (including reflection, refraction, polarization)
 - Optical devices
- Classical thermodynamics
 - Molecular properties and kinetic theory of ideal gases
 - o Isothermal, isobaric and isochoric processes
 - Heat engines and efficiencies (including Carnot engine)
 - Heat transfer and phase transitions
- Basic Modern Physics
 - Quantum physics (inc. photoelectric effect, Compton scattering, Bohr atomic model)
 - Nuclear physics (inc. decays, mass defect)
 - Special relativity (inc. Lorentz transformations, Minkowski diagrams, relativistic Doppler effect)

Mathematics

- All topics from the Junior syllabus
- Multivariable calculus
- Statistics
- Ellipse
- Set theory
- 3D-Vector
- Linear algebra
- Order and primitive roots
- Multiplicative number theory
- p-adic valuation
- Complex numbers
- Analysis
- Graph theory

Planetary Science

- Meteorology
- Geology
- Oceanography
- Radiation
- Celestial Timekeeping
- Practical Observation
- Basic Spherical Trigonometry and Celestial Coordinate systems
- Astrodynamics (Kepler's Laws, Conservation of Energy and Angular Momentum, Orbits)
- Applied optical systems (telescopes and cameras)

Social Science

- Microeconomics
 - o Competition
 - Market failures
 - o Government intervention
 - Game theory
- Macroeconomics
 - o AD/AS model
 - o Fiscal, monetary and supply-side policy
 - o Inequality & institutions
 - Currency, exchange rates
 - Trade & protectionism
 - o Economic history (inc. Keynesian & Monetarist schools of thought)
- Basic Philosophical Knowledge
 - Ethics (including utilitarianism and deontology)
 - Epistemology (including empiricism and rationalism)
 - Metaphysics
 - Political Philosophy
- Language Characteristic Pattern Analysis
- Logic