Subject	Science
Unit/Topic	Year 10 Organisation

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Enzyme	Protein with an active site of a specific shape which speeds up reactions.
Carbohydrates	Enzymes that break down carbohydrates into simple sugars.
Amylase	A carbohydrase enzyme that breaks down starch into simple sugars.
Protease	An enzyme that breaks down proteins into amino acids.
Lipase	An enzyme that breaks down lipids into fatty acids and glycerol.
Lipids	Fats and oils.
Bile	Alkaline substance produced in the liver and stored in the gall bladder. It neutralises stomach acid and breaks down fats into small droplets.
Emulsify	Break down into small droplets.
Xylem	Plant tissue that transports WATER and dissolved mineral ions UP the plant.
Phloem	Plant tissue that transports SUGARS UP and DOWN a plant.
Meristem	Plant tissue found in the growing tips of roots and shoots.
Stomata	Small holes underneath the leaf to allow gases to move in and out of the leaf.
Guard cells	Cells that open and close the stomata to reduce water loss.
Spongy mesophyll	Layer of cells in the leaf that allow gases to exchange.
Palisade mesophyll	Layer of cells in the leaf that contain lots of chloroplasts for photosynthesis.
Epidermal tissues	Layers of cells at the top of the leaf and the bottom of the leaf.