

Key knowledge	Level of understanding		
	L	M	H
<b>Area of Study 1: How can motion be described and explained</b>			
identify parameters of motion as vectors or scalars			
analyse graphically, numerically and algebraically, straight-line motion under constant acceleration: $v = u + at$ , $v^2 = u^2 + 2as$ , $s = \frac{1}{2}(u + v)t$ , $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ , $s = vt - \frac{1}{2}at^2$			
graphically analyse non-uniform motion in a straight line			
apply concepts of momentum to linear motion: $p = mv$ .			
explain changes in momentum as being caused by a net force: $F_{net} = \frac{\Delta p}{\Delta t}$			
model the force due to gravity, $F_g$ , as the force of gravity acting at the centre of mass of a body, $F_g = mg$ , or $W = mg$ where $g$ is the gravitational field strength ( $9.8 \text{ N kg}^{-1}$ near the surface of Earth)			
model forces as vectors acting at the point of application (with magnitude and direction), labelling these forces using the convention 'force on A by B' or $F_{\text{on A by B}} = -F_{\text{on B by A}}$			
apply Newton's three laws of motion to a body on which forces act: $a = \frac{F_{net}}{m}$ , $F_{\text{on A by B}} = -F_{\text{on B by A}}$			
apply the vector model of forces, including vector addition and components of forces, to readily observable forces including the force due to gravity, friction and reaction forces			
calculate torque: $\tau = r_{\perp} F$			
investigate and analyse theoretically and practically translational forces and torques in simple structures that are in rotational equilibrium.			
apply the concept of work done by a constant force using: —work done = constant force $\times$ distance moved in direction of force: $W = Fs$ —work done = area under force-distance graph			
investigate and analyse theoretically and practically Hooke's Law for an ideal spring: $F = -k\Delta x$			
analyse and model mechanical energy transfers and transformations using			

<p>energy conservation:</p> <p>—changes in gravitational potential energy near Earth’s surface: <math>E_g = mg\Delta h</math></p> <p>—potential energy in ideal springs:</p> $E_s = \frac{1}{2}k\Delta x^2$ <p>—kinetic energy:</p> $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$			
<p>analyse rate of energy transfer using power:</p> $P = \frac{E}{t}$			
<p>calculate the efficiency of an energy transfer system:</p> $\eta = \frac{\text{useful energy out}}{\text{total energy in}}$			
<p>analyse impulse (momentum transfer) in an isolated system (for collisions between objects moving in a straight line): <math>I = \Delta p</math></p>			
<p>investigate and analyse theoretically and practically momentum conservation in one dimension.</p>			
<b>Area of study 3: Practical Investigation</b>			
<p>the physics concepts specific to the investigation and their significance, including definitions of key terms, and physics representations</p>			
<p>the characteristics of scientific research methodologies and techniques of primary qualitative and quantitative data collection relevant to the selected investigation; precision, accuracy, reliability and validity of data; and identification of uncertainty</p>			
<p>methods of organising, analysing and evaluating data to identify patterns and relationships including sources of error and uncertainty, and limitations of data and methodologies</p>			