Subject	Science	
Unit/Topic	Year 10 Infection and Response	

Key Vocabulary	Definition
Communicable disease	Diseases that can spread from person to person or between animals and people.
Pathogen	Microorganism that enter the body and cause disease.
Toxins	Poisons that damage your cells and tissues.
Vector	Organism that carries the pathogen but doesn't get the disease e.g. Mosquito.
Measles	Virus, spread through droplets from an infected person's sneeze or cough.
ніх	Virus, spread through sexual contact or by exchanging bodily fluids.
Tobacco mosaic virus	Virus that affects many species of plants, causes a discolouration on leaves so it can't photosynthesis well and affects the growth of the plant.
Rose Black Spot	Fungus that causes purple or black spots to develop on the leaves of rose plants so the plant doesn't grow well.
Malaria	Caused by a protist that mosquitoes can carry and inject into the animals blood when they are feeding. Can be fatal.
Salmonella	Bacteria that causes food poisoning. Causes stomach cramps, vomiting and diarrhoea.
Gonorrhoea	Bacteria, sexually transmitted disease. Causes yellow or green discharge.
Antitoxins	Counteract toxins by invading bacteria.
Antigen	Unique molecule on the surface of a pathogen.
Phagocytosis	WBC can engulf foreign cells and digest them.
Antibodies	White blood cells called B-lymphocytes produce antibodies, they are proteins that attach to antigens.

Vaccination	The injection of dead or inactive microorganisms to provide immunity against a particular pathogen.
Immunity	The ability of the white blood cells to respond quickly to a pathogen.
Pain Killers	A drug that relives pain.
Antibiotics	A drug used to kill or prevent the growth of bacteria.
Antibiotic Resistance	When bacteria aren't killed by an antibiotic.
Efficacy	Whether the drug works and produces the effect you're looking for.
Toxicity	How harmful something is (e.g. a drug).
Placebo	A substance that is like the drug being tested but doesn't do anything.
Double-blind trial	Neither the patient nor the doctor knows if they are given the drug or the placebo.
Non-communicable disease	Diseases that cannot spread between people or between animals and people. E.g. cancer, asthma.
Health	Health is the state of physical and mental wellbeing.
Risk Factors	Anything that is linked to an increase in the likelihood that a person will develop a certain disease. E.g. smoking, obesity, alcohol, ionising radiation.
Cancer	Caused by uncontrolled cell growth and division.
Mutation	A random change in a n organisms DNA.