

#### 4.2.2 Classification and evolution

- (a) the biological classification of species
- To include the taxonomic hierarchy of kingdom, phylum, class, order, family, genus and species **AND** domain.
- HSW1, HSW5, HSW6, HSW7
- (b) the binomial system of naming species and the advantage of such a system
- (c) (i) the features used to classify organisms into the five kingdoms: Prokaryotae, Protoctista, Fungi, Plantae, Animalia
- To include the use of similarities in observable features in original classification.
- (ii) the evidence that has led to new classification systems, such as the three domains of life, which clarifies relationships
- To include the more recent use of similarities in biological molecules and other genetic evidence **AND** details of the three domains and a comparison of the kingdom and domain classification systems.
- HSW1, HSW5, HSW6, HSW7, HSW11, HSW12
- (d) the relationship between classification and phylogeny
- (covered in outline only at AS Level).
- HSW5, HSW7
- (e) the evidence for the theory of evolution by natural selection
- To include the contribution of Darwin and Wallace in formulating the theory of evolution by natural selection **AND** fossil, DNA (only genomic DNA at AS Level) and molecular evidence.
- HSW1, HSW2, HSW5, HSW6, HSW7
- (f) the different types of variation
- To include intraspecific and interspecific variation **AND** the differences between continuous and discontinuous variation, using examples of a range of characteristics found in plants, animals and microorganisms **AND** both genetic and environmental causes of variation.
- An opportunity to use standard deviation to measure the spread of a set of data **and/or** Student's *t*-test to compare means of data values of two populations **and/or** the Spearman's rank correlation coefficient to consider the relationship of the data.
- M1.2, M1.3, M1.6, M1.7, M1.10* HSW4
- (g) the different types of adaptations of organisms to their environment
- Anatomical, physiological and behavioural adaptations **AND** why organisms from different taxonomic groups may show similar anatomical features, including the marsupial mole and placental mole.

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- (h)** the mechanism by which natural selection can affect the characteristics of a population over time
- To include an appreciation that genetic variation, selection pressure and reproductive success (or failure) results in an increased proportion of the population possessing the advantageous characteristic(s).
- M0.3 HSW8*
- (i)** how evolution in some species has implications for human populations.
- To include the evolution of pesticide resistance in insects and drug resistance in microorganisms. HSW8, HSW9, HSW12