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Dear Parent

Re: Separate Sciences GCSEs

Your child in Year 11 has been identified as being potentially suitable to take the Triple Science GCSE route and has expressed an interest in doing so. This route leads to three Separate Science qualifications at GCSE, as opposed to the two Combined Science qualifications that they would otherwise achieve. Selection onto this course requires careful consideration and is a significant commitment.

Students have so far been studying content that is common to both the Separate and Combined routes. The additional content that is assessed in the Separate Sciences will be taught between November 2017 and April 2018. Two hours of lessons will be provided on Wednesday afternoons, and will take the place of Enrichment activities. The lessons will be taught by Mr Pitcock and myself.

Students already have access to various revision resources to support them in independent study, including CGP workbooks and revision guides and online access to Kerboodle and my-gcsescience.com. They should be using these resources to support the learning on Wednesday afternoons.

Students should be aware that being entered for Separate Sciences is conditional on their continued effort and progress. This will be monitored through regular assessments on topics taught. I will contact you by phone if I feel that there are concerns about the suitability of your child on the course. Our goal is for students to achieve or surpass their target grades in all of their Science GCSE qualifications.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this decision further for any reason.

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