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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to let you know about some changes we are making to the Year 9 curriculum in Science. As you may know, we have had a very successful year again in the department with most areas being well above national average. Pupils passing their Science GCSE examinations at grades 9-4 were: -

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| • Chemistry | 98% |
| • Physics | 98% |
| • Biology | 93% |
| • Combined Science | 70% (National Average – 55%) |
| • At least 1 GCSE | 81% |

For the pupils to gain even more from the new curriculum, we have decided to start the GCSE courses in November. We feel that we can use the extra time to study the content in even more depth and include more practical work. The long-term vision is to gain the highest results possible for the pupils and achieve 100% across the board.

This means that the 'End of Key Stage 3' assessments will now take place at the end of October. We will be revising in class and completing several practice papers before these take place.

To complement the revision in school, Amazon are selling some revision guides from CPG for as little as £4.80 and there are many free Apps available on Smartphones. These are cheaper options than what we can provide through school.

If you need any further information, do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Plunkett (Second in Science).

Many Thanks for your continued support,

Yours faithfully,

Mr. S Yorke-Robinson

Head of Science