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Dear Parents/Guardians

Advance Notice for the Science November Exam

I am writing to inform you about the Year 9 Science exam which will take place in their regular science lesson on Thursday 5th November 2026.

Your child will sit one exam comprised of a biology, a chemistry, and a physics section. The subject content is anything we have done between September 2026 and October half-term, which if you are looking at the textbooks are numbered B1 Cell Structure and Transport; C1 Atomic Structure; P1 Energy Stores and Transfers.

The textbook is online through the Kerboodle website and is free to students to use in revising for their exams.

Teachers will be working to prepare students for the exam and make them fully aware of the exam structure and content to revise. We also encourage students to use a variety of resources at home to aid their revision; this will have a beneficial impact on recall and understanding

Student equipment for exams:

Just a reminder that students should make sure they have pens (preferably black ink), pencils, a protractor, a ruler and a calculator for all science exams. It may also be useful to have a highlighter. Should your child need any of this equipment, they can purchase this from school.

In preparation for their upcoming mock exams and GCSE exams in the summer, students often require revision guides to help develop good revision habits at home in the run up to exams. However, at this early stage in their GCSE course the final decisions surrounding Separate or Combined Sciences have not been made. We are currently all following the same pathway and revision guides will be offered later in the year following the process of selecting their options.

Revision Resources

Kerboodle

All students are given free access to the digital version of the text books using the Kerboodle online system.

To access Kerboodle they need to search for the application on Google and then log onto the AQA GCSE Science 9-1 course to access the resources and the digital textbook.

Students can login using the 'Login with Google' – this is their school email address and their central login password.

Google Classroom

All students are given access to the online Google Classroom system, where staff regularly upload lesson resources and tasks which enables students to revisit difficult concepts.

Science

All students are given free access to the Sparx Science online platform.

Whilst this is primarily used for homework tasks, there is an 'Independent Study' option which allows them to revisit past materials and consolidate their knowledge in a layout which is becoming more recognised to the students.

Other suitable resources

There is an excellent (and free) series of videos covering all of the AQA GCSE content at freesciencelessons.co.uk. This includes revision tips and descriptions of the required practicals from the course.

Many students find it helpful to use an online tool to test recall of knowledge; these include Cognito, Tassomai and SenecaLearning. Many of these tools have free content; some may charge for their full functionality.

If you have any difficulty accessing revision guides or online services, please let me know. And finally, do not hesitate to contact me or your child's Science teacher if you have any concerns.

Yours faithfully



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