

Year 10 Parents and Pupil Information Evening

11th February 2016, 6-8pm

“How to prepare for Science GCSE exams”

January 2016

Dear Parent

I am writing to invite you to the Year 10 Parent and Pupil Information Evening (Thursday 11th February 6-8pm). We will be looking at completing Science GCSE in Year 10 and revision methods to support pupils with these GCSE exams.

Your son/daughter may have the opportunity to complete their Science GCSE at the end of Year 10. Entry will be considered if they are likely to achieve their target grade. This will be judged by the class teacher based on their in class assessments and February mock exams. As pupils are unable to resit exams in Year 11 it is essential that they are only entered if they are ready for the commitment involved. This strategy was used last year with great success and 100% of those entered gained a C grade or higher.

Pupils will be expected to complete a second Science GCSE (Additional Science GCSE) by the end of Year 11. If they have chosen Triple Science they will complete the Further Additional Science exams in Year 11 as well. The advantage of completing Science GCSE in Year 10 is that they will have less exams in Year 11 to complete.

If entered your son/daughter will sit three one hour GCSE exams on 17th, 19th and 25th of May. Each exam is worth 25% of their final grade. Controlled assessments (worth 25%) will be completed in class by the February half term holidays.

Pupils have been encouraged to purchase revision guides (£3 from school). Please ensure they use them at home to support their revision for these very important exams. Resources are available on Moodle at Subjects/ Science/ GCSE/ Science (Year 10). We will also be running after school revision classes in the coming weeks. Details of these will be posted on the Science exam notice board outside Miss Townsend's classroom.

Thank you for your support in this matter. Should you have any further queries do not hesitate to contact your child's Science teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

Miss C Townsend (Head of Science)

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