

Year 10 Examinations

March 2017

Dear Parent

I am writing to confirm that all current Year 10 pupils will be sitting GCSE approved science examinations during May 2017. These examinations will provide vital information for pupils, parents and staff in relation to the new syllabus and new 1-9 GCSE standard.

The examinations are set by the Edexcel exam board and will be taken nationally, at the same time by every pupil, in all schools who are taking Edexcel GCSE Science. Pupils will be sitting an examination for each science subject separately (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), whether they are on the Triple or Combined Science courses.

As this is a new course, we believe that Edexcel will be using the results to review grade boundaries and assess the suitability of their content. They will also be comparing achievement across different schools. We will be using the results to decide group setting and predict likely GCSE performance; information which will be required by and provided to post 16 institutions. It is vitally important that pupils are fully prepared for these examinations as the results need to accurately reflect their learning.

If your son or daughter has a revision guide please ensure that they make good use of it. Moodle, BBC Bitesize, GCSE pod and YouTube tutorials are also good resources. Pupils are also welcome to speak to their teacher for other revision suggestions. Revision guides are available from the website address below:

https://www.cgpbbooks.co.uk/Parent/books_gcse_science_new

The examinations will be sat in conditions that mirror those at GCSE. Papers will be written and marked by Edexcel in the same way as the live papers.

The examination dates will be as follows:

Biology - 2nd May 2017 (morning)

Chemistry - 3rd May 2017 (morning)

Physics - 4th May 2017 (morning)

Should you have any further queries regarding the above do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's Science teacher or myself.

Yours Sincerely

Miss G Clarke
Head of Science