

MRB/ljn

7 September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

This year in Science, Year 10 students will have three examined assessment points instead of the end of unit tests which they would be used to. Assessment point 1 and 3 will consist of one 40-50 minute paper that will be sat in the classroom. Assessment point 2 will be during Year 10 Exams fortnight and will consist of 3 different papers (Biology, Chemistry and Physics), these will be sat in the hall. If your child studies the Combined Science pathway these will be 75 minutes. The Separate Science pathway exams will be 105 minutes. These assessment points will help to inform decisions for Higher or Foundation tiers in Year 11. Additional clarification on the content of each assessment paper will be shared on Google Classroom prior to the assessment.

The assessment points will be during the following weeks (the day will be dependent on when your child has Science)

- Assessment point 1 - Week commencing 17 October 2022
- Assessment point 2 (Year 10 exam fortnight) – Week commencing 23 January 2023
- Assessment point 3 – Week commencing 17 April 2023

The results of each exam will be used to inform WAD and to track students' progress throughout the year. We encourage students to prepare properly for these exams by trialling different revision techniques and using all of the resources that are available. It is important that students get into good revision habits in order to fully prepare them for their GCSEs. In simple terms, students who take a little and often approach to exam preparation where they practice recalling and using key ideas do better than those who prepare by re-reading notes the night before the exam.

We encourage students to use their exercise books, revision guides, keyword lists and a range of different websites. If you did not purchase a revision guide last year, a revision order form is attached to this letter, this needs to be taken to finance with the appropriate money.

- Kerboodle - this is a subscription that we as a school have, and allows students to access the textbook used in class as well as extra resources. All students have their own username and password for this and the institution code is zt5. Students need to speak to their teachers if they are unsure of their log in.
- Seneca Learning - students need to set up their own account and search for Biology: AQA GCSE, Chemistry: AQA GCSE and Physics: AQA GCSE
- BBC Bitesize - students can revise and complete small tests.
- You tube - AQA 9-1 GCSE playlist - Science and Maths by Primrose Kitten
- GCSE Science (9-1) - Freesciencelessons

Students also have access to a 'Year 10 Science Google Classroom' which contains revision material to allow them to continually practise their weak areas. They need to accept the invitation to join this class via the email that has been sent to them.

For further information on the Science curriculum, please refer to pages 75-78 of the Year 10 Parent Handbook.

If there are any queries, students should speak to their classroom teachers in the first instance.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Miss M Barton

Assistant Director of Learning – Science

SCIENCE ORDER FORM – KS4 (Grade 9-1)

NAME TUTOR

ITEM	COST EACH	NUMBER REQUIRED	TOTAL £
Pearsons AQA GCSE Combined Science Revision Guide – Higher	£4.50		
Pearsons AQA GCSE Combined Science Revision Guide - Foundation	£4.50		
Pearsons AQA GCSE Combined Science Workbook - Higher	£4.50		
Pearsons GCSE Combined Science Workbook – Foundation	£4.50		
Collins AQA GCSE Biology Revision Guide and Workbook	£4.00		
Collins AQA GCSE Chemistry Revision Guide and Workbook	£4.00		
Collins AQA GCSE Physics Revision Guide and Workbook	£4.00		
CGP Essential Maths Skills for Secondary Science	£3.00		
TOTAL PAID			£

<u>For Office Use Only</u> Amount Paid £	<u>Finance Signature:</u>	Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>
		Cash <input type="checkbox"/>
Date:		

Please take the whole form, with both halves completed, and the exact money to the Finance Office at Break time and Lunch time only. Books to be collected from the Science Workroom (between 910 and 911), only after payment has been made. Cheques payable to Wildern School.

.....

To be retained by Finance Office

NAME TUTOR

ITEM	COST EACH	NUMBER REQUIRED	TOTAL £
Pearsons AQA GCSE Combined Science Revision Guide – Higher	£4.50		
Pearsons AQA GCSE Combined Science Revision Guide - Foundation	£4.50		
Pearsons AQA GCSE Combined Science Workbook - Higher	£4.50		
Pearsons GCSE Combined Science Workbook – Foundation	£4.50		
Collins AQA GCSE Biology Revision Guide and Workbook	£4.00		
Collins AQA GCSE Chemistry Revision Guide and Workbook	£4.00		
Collins AQA GCSE Physics Revision Guide and Workbook	£4.00		
CGP Essential Maths Skills for Secondary Science	£3.00		
TOTAL PAID			£