

MRB/ljn

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Dear Parents/Guardians

This year in Science, Year 9 students will have three examined assessment points. Assessment point 1 and 2 will consist of one 45-50 minute paper that will be sat in the classroom. Assessment point 3 will be sat during Year 9 Exams week and will consist of one 60 minute paper. Additional clarification on the content of each assessment paper will be found 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 3 October 2022
- Assessment point 2 - Week commencing 2 January 2023
- Assessment point 3 (Year 9 exams week) - Week commencing 1 May 2023

The results of each exam will be used to inform WAD and to track students' progress throughout the year, as well as, indicating their eligibility to commit to the Separate Science course in Year 10. 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, keyword lists and a range of different websites alongside the resources provided in class in order to prepare for each assessment point.

Useful websites include:

- 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
- Cognito

Students also have access to a 'Year 9 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 74-77 of the Year 9 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

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