

MRB/jr
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Dear Parent/Guardian

This year in Science, Year 11 students will sit their Practice exams in the fortnight commencing 1 November 2021. This will consist of 3 different papers (Biology, Chemistry and Physics). If your son/daughter studies the AQA Trilogy Combined Science pathway these will be 75 minutes. The AQA Separate Science pathway exams will be 105 minutes. The exams will be as part of the Year 11 Practice exams fortnight and will be sat in the Hall. Additional clarification on the content of each exam as well as a range of revision resources can be found on the Science Year 11 Google Classroom site. In order to access this, they need to 'join a class' and enter the class code 'hi2zyq'.

The results of these exams will be used to inform WAD, to track students' progress throughout the year and to inform decisions for Higher and Foundation tiers in February.

Furthermore, in order to help prepare your son/daughter for their GCSE examinations in the summer, we will be providing a pack of exam papers for them to complete. The exam papers will be completed as part of their self-study after the Practice exams. Students will be given one exam paper each week to complete, with the answers reviewed and modelled in class by teachers, to help improve understanding.

The vast majority of students welcome this support and wish to have their own set of papers. This means they can write on them and also use them to copy down the model answer if appropriate.

The cost of a set of 18 past exam papers is £4.00; this money is for the photocopy costs only. The school does not profit from their sale. Alternatively, electronic copies of the papers will be available via Google Classroom for students to access.

If you wish your son/daughter to have a paper set of Science past exam papers, please submit the payment via ParentPay. If your child has been identified as receiving Pupil Premium there will be no charge.

For this half term, KS4 Drop-in sessions will run on Monday-Wednesday 3.00-4.00pm in room 317. Students will be able to get help with anything they are struggling with, including revision and their self-study past papers.

For further information on the Science curriculum, please refer to pages 76-79 of the Year 11 Parent Handbook.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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