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Year 9 End-of-Year Science test

Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to inform you that students across Year 9 will be completing an End-of-Year test which will be based upon the three GCSE topics that have been taught from February onwards. The topics are:

Biology – B1 – Cell biology

Chemistry – C1 – Atomic structure and the periodic table

Physics – P1 – Energy

These topics can be found in the revision guide issued to you son/daughter in March. Students have been bringing their revision guides to lessons to support their learning and to become familiar with them as they are used for test preparation.

The test will be conducted in science lessons on Tuesday 11th July. The test will be concluded within an hour and will be between 45 and 50 marks. Teachers that have developed and delivered the topics have checked that the past GCSE questions being used in the test match the work completed by students in their lessons. Students will be entered for either foundation tier or higher tier depending upon prior attainment and teacher recommendation. Students that have opted for Triple science as a GCSE option will complete the tests at higher tier. These tests are for school use only and will be used to assess the teaching of the new GCSE topics to Year 9 students and to place students into groups as we re-structure classes moving into Year 10. The result of the test based on estimated GCSE grade boundaries will be communicated to students prior to the summer break.

Some lesson time has been devoted to revision and in particular developing effective revision strategies. Teachers will continue to revise science topics in lessons and will set this as a homework activity also. Students may also like to use the appropriate sections of BBC Bitesize online or the CGP Apps available to download for Android and iOS devices.

Should you have questions regarding the End-of-Year test please either contact you son/daughter's science teacher or send enquiries to me. Good luck to all students in their preparation.

Yours sincerely,

Stuart Keene
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