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## YEAR 11 MAXIMISE STUDENT PROGRESS IN SCIENCE GCSE PREPARATION AND IMPORTANT EVENTS

Dear Parents/Carers,

With only a short time to go before your child sits their full set of GCSEs this summer, the Science faculty has been working to maximise student preparation and revision ready for their Science GCSE exams.

The dates of the Science GCSE exams are as follows:

- Paper 1 (units 1-4) – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May
- Paper 2 (units 1-4) – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Paper 3 (units 5-8)- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June
- Paper 4 (units 5-8)- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June

### Important Saturday Sessions

In order for students to cover **all** relevant content before their GCSE exams, students are required to attend some extra Saturday sessions. It is essential students attend these sessions as there will be new topics covered that are required in order that students cover all of content needed for their GCSE exam.

| Date and time                       | Students required to attend  |
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| Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 10-1  | All students sitting the higher paper in classes 11Y1, 11Y2 and 11X2, 11X3<br>Students sitting the foundation paper in 11Y1,11Y2, 11Y3 and 11X2<br>All students studying triple science        |
| Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> May 10-1  | All students sitting the higher paper in classes 11Y1, 11Y2 and 11X2, 11X3<br>Students sitting the foundation paper in 11Y1, 11Y2, 11Y3 and 11X2<br>All students studying triple science       |
| Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> June 10-1 | All students sitting the higher paper in classes 11Y1, 11Y2 and 11X2, 11X3<br>All students sitting the foundation paper in classes 11X3, 11X4 and 11Y3<br>All students studying triple science |

### Revision sessions after school

Students should also attend science revision sessions on a **Thursday after school starting at 3pm**. These sessions have been planned to cover topics that students often find difficult and are specifically designed to support students to re-visit these with teacher guidance before their exams.



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## **Guided revision at home**

In order to guide revision at home, students will be given a revision booklet at the start of each week. The revision booklet will contain three short revision sessions to be completed at home that week. The booklet provides information relating directly to what students need to learn, links to useful revision videos, exam questions and mark schemes for students to practice. Topics for these sessions have been chosen based on areas students have found most difficult whilst learning content for their GCSE.

Recommended use of revision booklets at home:

- 1) Read information the session
- 2) Revise topics for the session using resources such as school exercise book, Tassomai, free science lessons videos on Youtube, revision guide
- 3) Complete exam questions in booklet
- 4) Check answers to exam questions using mark schemes in booklet

## **Exam questions on Microsoft Teams**

Topics covered in Saturday sessions, revision sessions and guided revision cover only a small number of topics that students will be asked about in their exams. Extra exam questions on other topics have been placed on Microsoft Teams for students to access at home if they wish. Exam questions are levelled to show their difficulty. Students completing the foundation exam should use level 1 and level 2 questions. Students completing the higher exam should use level 2 and level 3 exam questions.

Please reiterate to your child the importance of attending both after school and Saturday sessions and please ensure they are studying using the additional resources issued each week.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support as together we support all students to achieve their personal best

Yours faithfully,

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