

Dear Parents,

We are writing to inform you that Year 11 triple science students will be sitting Unit 2 tests in all three of their science subjects within the first 2 weeks after the Christmas holidays (assessment weeks). Exams will be sat on the following days for triple students:

Tue 3rd Jan p3 11E biology

Tue 3rd Jan p5 11Q biology

Thu 5th Jan p1 11Q chemistry

Thu 5th Jan p2 11E chemistry

Mon 9th Jan p1 11E physics

Mon 9th Jan p4 11Q physics

Students have already sat their controlled assessment for each of the sciences, which is worth 25% of the final grade. There may be some students who are invited to complete another controlled assessment after school if we feel that they have not achieved their expected grade.

Please find details of any further mocks and assessments, as well as revision resources, for each subject below:

### **Biology**

During Mock week in February/March students will be sitting a Unit 1 (B1) paper.

There are many resources on the school website, including revision tips and resources, past papers and mark schemes. Students should use their time outside of the classroom to revise using this material and then complete the past papers.

<http://www.qehs.net/index.php/students/department-resources/biology>

There is a biology after school study session in A3 on Mondays (3.30pm-4.30pm). It is strongly recommended that they attend this session, particularly if they are finding any of the course content or assessment material difficult. Students should use their workbooks to review their understanding. Additional resources and support via [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) will be available in the new year.

## **Chemistry**

During Mock week in February/ March students will be sitting a Unit 1 (C1) paper. Past papers and marks schemes are available from the AQA exam board at <http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

There is a chemistry after school study session in C4 on Thursdays (3.30pm-4.30pm). It is strongly recommended that they attend this session, particularly if they are finding any of the course content or assessment material difficult. Students should use their workbooks to review their understanding. Additional resources and support via [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) will be available in the new year.

## **Physics**

During Mock week in February/ March students will be sitting a Unit 1 (P1) paper. Past papers and marks schemes are available from the AQA exam board at <http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>. A variety of revision resources is also available by accessing Moodle and following the links for science, physics, AQA GCSE Physics.

There is a physics after school study session in B3 on Mondays (3.30pm-4.30pm). Students should use their workbooks to review their understanding. Additional resources and support via [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) will be available in the new year.

## **Revision Guides and Workbooks**

Revision guides and workbooks for all 3 science subjects are available to purchase from the LRC at a cost of £3 per book (there are 6 altogether for all three sciences, at a total cost of £18) if your child does not already have them.

### **For Dual Award Science Students (11Q4,5&6 and 11E5&6):**

Students have already sat their controlled assessments for core and additional science, these are worth 25% of the final grade. There may be some students who are invited to complete another controlled assessment after school if we feel that they have not achieved their expected grade.

Please find details of any further mocks and assessments, as well as revision resources, for each subject below:

#### **Biology**

During Mock week in February/March students will be sitting a Unit 1 (B1) paper.

There are many resources on the school website, including revision tips and resources, past papers and mark schemes.

<http://www.gehs.net/index.php/students/department-resources/biology>

There is a biology after school study session in A3 on Mondays (3.30pm-4.30pm). It is strongly recommended that they attend this session, particularly if they are finding any of the course content or assessment material difficult. Students should use their workbooks to review their understanding. Additional resources and support via [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) will be available in the new year.

#### **Chemistry**

During Mock week in February/ March students will be sitting a Unit 1 (C1) paper. Students have been doing some Unit 1 papers in lesson time as preparation. Additional past papers and marks schemes (Unit 1 and 2 only for dual) are available from the AQA exam board at

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

There is a chemistry after school study session in C4 on Thursdays (3.30pm-4.30pm). It is strongly recommended that they attend this session, particularly if they are finding any of the course content or assessment material difficult. Students should use their workbooks to review their understanding. Additional resources and support via [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) will be available in the new year.

### **Physics**

During Mock week in February/ March students will be sitting a Unit 2 (P2) paper. Past papers and marks schemes are available from the AQA exam board at <http://www.aqa.org.uk/exams-administration/exams-guidance/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes>. A variety of revision resources is also available by accessing Moodle and following the links for science, physics, AQA GCSE Physics.

There is a physics after school study session in B3 on Mondays (3.30pm-4.30pm). Students should use their workbooks to review their understanding. Additional resources and support via [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com) will be available in the new year.

### **Revision Guides and Workbooks**

Revision guides and workbooks for core and additional science are available to purchase from the LRC at a cost of £3 per book (there are 4 altogether, at a total cost of £12) if your child does not already have them.

### **For Dual Award Science Students in the Literacy Group (11ESC1):**

Students have already completed their Core Science GCSE and received their grade for this at the start of Year 11. If they wish to re-sit Core Science GCSE, they will need to discuss this with Mr Tattersall. They are currently studying for their Additional Science GCSE and have already completed the controlled assessment for this, which is worth 25% of the final grade.

Their mock exams in February/March will cover the content from units B2 (biology), C2 (chemistry) and P2 (physics).

Students have a copy of their own revision guide, which is kept in school, but which they may choose to take home closer to the exams. There is also an after school session every Monday in B3 (3.30pm-4.30pm) run by Mr Tattersall.

**There will be an information evening for parents on 17<sup>th</sup> January on how to support your child in GCSE Sciences. Further details on this evening will be sent out separately.**