

Year 9 Science Options Examination 1

Dear Parent/Carer

Science online assessment – Week commencing 1st March

Usually at the end of January your child would have sat an options examination for Science to determine which pupils are able to choose Triple science GCSE. With the ongoing changing climate we are going to give the pupils interim assessments online within the lesson times in the week commencing the 1st March. Full instructions will be given to your child at the start of the lessons in a live Teams meeting. Your child has already been set a Firefly task with links to the resources to help prepare for these assessments. We intend to conduct the more formal written examinations once the pupils are back in school.

Pupils regularly undertake online quiz format questions largely but not exclusively on Doodle, Educake, Quizizz and Quizlet. All pupils are expected to complete these mini assessments to over 80%. If pupils do not complete these when set they may well be disadvantaged in the more formal exams. This will be similar to the format of the assessments in the week of the 1st March, however on this occasion only their first attempt score will be recorded and marks will be downloaded at the end of the lesson time on that day.

All pupils will sit the same subject questions at the same time, a Firefly task has already been sent to pupils to inform them about the timetable for the week. This task also has revision lists and extra resources attached to help pupils to prepare fully. There are three assessments in the week. One for Biology, Chemistry and Physics in the three science lessons timetabled that week.

Firefly pages are the predominant sources of resources and information for years 9-11 with the online textbooks continuing to be utilised. Other sources of revision material for the examination: Quizlet, Quizizz, BBC KS3 Bitesize revision, Doodle and Educake, Oak academy activities and end of unit question papers, progress checks to name a few but this is not an exhaustive list. Extension work for year 9 can also be found here: [KS4 \(Yr 9-11\) – Archbishop Temple School \(fireflycloud.net\)](https://www.fireflycloud.net/ks4/yr9-11)

Revision activities should be as actively engaging to pupils as possible and if a pupil is actively learning they should be writing something down in various formats (mind-maps, summary lists, pictures, diagrams, cartoons etc.) Pupils then need to check that they can recall the information from memory by writing down key facts onto a blank piece of paper, but then compare it to the original source of information to see what is not in their memory banks.

We understand that some children are not finding the current working easy, but we hope that by having a clear goal to focus towards that this will keep your child engaged for the weeks to come.

If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

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