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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 9 Science Options: GCSE Triple Science option Information & Key Expectations

I hope this email finds you well as we begin the new academic year.

We are writing to outline an important milestone for your child in Year 9. This year students will select their GCSE options which will determine whether they follow the Combined Science GCSE route or the Triple Science GCSE route (offering individual GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics).

Triple Science is a demanding yet fantastic opportunity for students who are passionate about science and wish to study the subject in greater depth. It provides an exceptional foundation for A-Level Sciences and future STEM pathways.

Selection for the Triple Science route is competitive and there is an entry exam in the Spring term. To ensure students are placed on the pathway best suited to their strengths and potential, we will be carrying out continuous assessment of their progress using the following data:

- **Winter Mock Exam:** This will be their first main assessment.
- **Spring Term Entry Exam:** An exam designed to measure aptitude for the additional depth of Triple Science.
- **Overall Class Performance:** Consistent effort, independent learning skills, and engagement in lessons throughout the year.

Strong performance in lessons and mock exams is essential from the outset. We strongly encourage students—particularly those currently in Sets 1 and 2—to push themselves, demonstrate high levels of focus, and engage actively in every lesson from day one.

We appreciate your support in encouraging your child to start the year strong and aim high. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions regarding the science curriculum or selection process.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Khan

Triple Science Coordinator

“ All students receive the guidance they need to make ambitious, well-informed choices about their future lives - **OFSTED** ”

