

WALTON LEDALE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parents/Carers

Triple Science at Walton-le-Dale

With options choices on the horizon I know that some of you will have questions regarding triple science. At Walton-le-Dale we follow the AQA science courses, with Set 1 students studying the three separate science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) which is often referred to as triple science and the majority of students following the AQA Combined Science: Trilogy course. Usually students would have sat three assessments by this point in the year and would have been reset appropriately. Those students in Set 1 would move forward on the triple science pathway unless they chose not to. This would normally happen just after the February half term when Year 9 students begin their GCSE science course.

Due to the ongoing pandemic we have made the decision to not make this choice until the end of the academic year. With this in mind we have decided to teach all students the first three units (Biology Unit 1: Cell Biology, Chemistry Unit 1: Atomic Structure and the Periodic Table and Physics Unit 1: Energy) of triple science. The vast majority of these three units are common content with the combined science trilogy course which most students will ultimately be following. This will mean that we can assess students when they are back in school and more fairly decide which students will be following the triple science pathway.

I hope this clears up any questions you may have.

If you have any further questions please feel free to email me with any enquiries.

Kind Regards

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