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Dear Parent/Guardian

In the upcoming weeks all Year 9 students will be finishing the Key stage 3 content for all three Science subjects. Students will then spend the next period of time reviewing and revising all the topics covered.

In the week beginning 11th February (the week before half term), all students in Year 9 will be sitting end of KS3 Science exams.

These exams will be an assessment of their knowledge and skills gained throughout KS3. The results of this assessment, along with their achievement throughout the year will be used to plan an appropriate pathway for their KS4 study.

During the first three weeks after half term students will complete Science projects in all three, Science disciplines. These projects will help students to develop their experimental, research and presenting skills.

After this time, we will re-set Y9 students, placing them in new groups, and will start studying the IGCSE course appropriate to them.

Students in most sets will take the Co-ordinated Science pathway, involving study of all three subjects and leading to 2 GCSE qualifications at the end of Y11. Students in Set 1 will study for 3 Separate Science qualifications in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

To ensure students are on the correct pathway an assessment based on relevant IGCSE questions will take place at the end of the year. We will use the results of this assessment to check the progress of students and, if necessary, we will adjust the pathway they are on ready for the start of Y10.

I hope the information above is clear, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully

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