

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: GCSE Sciences – Revision Guidance

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the examination arrangements for GCSE Sciences and highlight the support that is available to students in the run up to the summer examinations.

Exams

Students studying Double Science have an exam in each subject in May for the Science qualification and a second exam in each subject in June for the Additional Science qualification. In addition, students studying Separate Sciences have a third exam for each of the science subjects towards the end of the June exam period.

Support

When students are reviewing their learning they may find they need individual support to fully understand some topics. In the first instance, they should seek assistance from their subject teacher for Biology, Chemistry or Physics who will see them at lunchtime or after school. Any student who wishes to start practising exam questions before the Easter break can get copies of printed material from Heads of Subject on request: Biology - Mrs Darlington, Chemistry – Mrs Dawson, Physics – Mrs Brown.

Revision

In lessons after the Easter break, revision and examination practice will be the focus for all students. They will be issued with printed exam paper packs which they should bring with them to science lessons. Teachers will set homework preparation tasks from the exam papers and from the resources detailed below as part of the revision programme.

All students have Edexcel Science Revision Guides which have comprehensive notes to help with learning every topic studied and to check exemplar answers to long answer questions.

Further study materials are accessible via the school website by clicking on the Remote tab of the menu bar on the home page. Doodle contains a range of tasks to support learning of the essential points. RM Portico, accessible via the school website, gives access to the school network drive and the RMSHared / Science folder for lists of key points, presented on Power Point slides, and sample exam questions.

The Edexcel course textbooks and revision exercises are available to students via the ActiveLearn website <https://www.pearsonactivelearn.com/> If students have forgotten their username and password they can see me to have it reset.

Contact

Should you have any further questions then please contact me at school.

Yours sincerely



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