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Dear Parents and Carers

End of Key Stage 3 Science Assessments

In the coming month your child will be completing their Year 9 science curriculum and progress onto the beginning of their science GCSEs.

At GCSE there are two potential routes that the pupils could follow - AQA Triple Science, resulting in 3 separate science GCSEs (biology, chemistry and physics) or AQA Trilogy, also known as Combined Science, which results in 2 science GCSEs. In order for us to ensure your child ends up on the most appropriate route for them you child will be sitting an end of key stage 3 science assessment.

The results from this assessment will be a major factor in determining the suitability of your child for the Triple Science or Combined Science option. Their progress and effort will then be monitored and reviewed throughout the rest of Year 9, and a final decision regarding their science route made in time for the start of the Year 10.

This assessment is scheduled to take place in their science lesson on Friday 10th February 2023 and will cover content from Years 7, 8 and 9, a selection of which is listed below:

- Science skills and how science works
- Reproduction in animals
- Gas exchange
- Respiration
- Atoms, elements & compounds
- Chemical reactions
- Rocks and the earth
- Neutralisation
- Energy
- Forces
- Space
- Magnetism

I hope that you will join with us in emphasising to your child how important this assessment is to their future education.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

The Science Faculty