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Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, there are two different routes pupils can take for Science GCSE. The majority of pupils will take 'Combined Science' giving pupils 2 GCSE grades. A second option is to take 'Triple Science', and this will give pupils 3 GCSE grades. Although pupils study Biology, Chemistry and Physics in both routes, pupils taking Triple Science will learn more content in each discipline and take longer exams at the end of the course. As in many schools, pupils who take Triple science are identified by the school at the end of Year 10. These are always the most talented scientists, those with the potential to achieve only the very highest grades in all 3 science subjects. Most pupils follow a combined science course. We will do the same at our school.

We want all our pupils to leave with the highest grades in Combined science, grades allowing them to still access A level science (2 grade 6 GCSE qualifications) if that is their preferred route.

Pupils with the ability to complete a Triple science qualification would be expected to engage in additional learning after school as well as further independent learning in their own time.



If your child would be interested in pursuing the option of learning the Triple Science content outside of lesson time, please speak to your Science teacher during the first week back in September.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr Fugill
Vice Principal

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Mrs Platten
Director of Science