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Dear Parent/Carer

Regrouping of Year 11 Science Classes

For your information we have today regrouped the Science classes for 11.2, 11.3 and 11.4 based on which Tier of entry we feel students should be sitting for their Combined Science exams. This may mean that they have had a change in their class teacher.

11.2 – Foundation entry

11.3 – Possibility of foundation or higher entry

11.4 – Higher entry

In the exam series, your child will sit 6 Science papers, 2 for Biology, 2 for Chemistry and 2 for Physics. The results from these papers will then be combined to give them 2 GCSE grades for Science i.e. 55.

The difference between the Higher and Foundation Tier is the volume of content that students need to learn which is why we have regrouped at this point as the students sitting the Foundation Tier papers need to cover reduced content in lessons and this will help with their cognitive load and revision moving forwards. The higher paper also contains more higher demand style questions than the foundation paper.

For the students who sit the Foundation Tier the maximum grade is a 55 and for the Higher tier is a 99. Your child will have been told in their lesson today which Tier they are being entered for by their class teacher. Please note, for some students there is flexibility in the Tier entry and we can assess this on a case by case basis over the coming months.

If you have any questions at all please get in touch, my email is:
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Yours faithfully

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