

September 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

**Y11 Science – Combined Science Groups**

Your son/daughter has now completed the first year of their Combined Science course and the purpose of this letter is to ensure that you are fully informed about how their GCSE course will be assessed.

**The Combined Science Courses**

At Silverdale, students following this course will have 9 lessons of science per fortnight. They will study Biology, Chemistry & Physics. All examinations will be taken at the end of Y11. There will be six examinations (2 for each subject) and each one will be one hour and 15 minutes in length.

The new GCSE Science courses do not feature any coursework, so the award is based entirely on exams. Students are expected to take part in twenty 'Required Practicals' (seven in Biology and Physics, six in Chemistry). These will be carried out during normal lessons at a point in the course where the relevant subject content is being covered. We are advised that up to 15% of each examination will involve questions related to these 'Required Practicals' and so it is clearly important that students attend well and do not miss these opportunities to experience the practicals first hand.

**Support**

Teachers will, of course, offer extra help to individual students as required but most students will also benefit from having resources to use outside of lessons. We are again offering CGP revision guides at a reduced rate of £6.00– Please note this is the same book that was offered for sale in Y10 – no need to purchase again! This book covers the whole 'Combined Science GCSE' course and is available in 'Higher' or 'Foundation' tier formats. Please note that any support/revision materials used must be specific to the new '9-1' Science AQA course.

Some students have already purchased an access code for [www.mygcsescience.com](http://www.mygcsescience.com) It is a personal decision whether to have a more traditional revision guide as well as, or instead of, the website resource. Codes are still available to purchase at £9.65 and remains valid until 30 June 2020.

Full details of the course can be found at [www.aqa.org/.uk](http://www.aqa.org/.uk)

If you have any question or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of your child's Science teachers.

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If you choose to buy via parentpay, once you receive an email receipt, you need to either forward this receipt to your child's email or print off a copy of the receipt so the student can collect the book from the Science office.

Yours sincerely

*D Jones*

Mr D Jones  
Head of Science

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Silverdale School  
Y11 Combined Science Revision Guides 19-20

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_ Science Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Foundation  Higher  (please tick as appropriate)

Please provide a set of revision guides for my son/daughter. I enclose cash/cheque for £6.00 (payable to Silverdale School) in an envelope marked clearly with child's name, form and **Y11 Combined Sciences Revision Guides**. Alternatively you can pay by Parentpay.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

**PLEASE HAND IN TO STUDENT RECEPTION**

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Silverdale School - mysciencegcse.com access code

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Form \_\_\_\_\_

Please arrange an access code for my son/ daughter. They will require a code for **Combined Science**. I enclose £9.65.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/ Carer) Date \_\_\_\_\_