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Dear Parent/Carer

### Y10 Separate Sciences Groups

Your son/daughter has already started work towards their GCSE courses in Science, as these began after the Christmas holiday last year. We are keen to ensure that you are fully informed about how their GCSE courses will be structured and assessed so that you are able to support their progress. The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to clarify the main issues.

### The Separate Sciences GCSE Courses

By following these courses ('Triple Science'), your son/daughter will complete separate GCSE's in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Each GCSE is awarded entirely on the basis of performance in examinations taken by students at the end of year 11. There will be two examinations per subject, each one hour and 45 minutes in length.

These new science GCSE's do not include any form of coursework, but students are expected to take part in a number of 'Required Practicals' (RP's) that will happen during normal lessons at a point in the course and where the relevant subject content is being covered. Biology and Physics both have ten RP's and Chemistry has eight. Although these Required Practicals are not formally assessed at the time of completion and so do not contribute directly to the final grade, we are advised that up to 15% of each examination will include questions related to these practicals. Clearly it is important that students do not miss the Required Practicals if at all possible as this could impair their preparation for final exams.

You will be aware that extra science lessons have been timetabled each fortnight in order to cover the extra topics that 'triple' students need to study.

### Support

Teachers will, of course, offer extra help to individual as required but most students will also benefit from having resources to use outside of lessons. **We are offering CGP Revision guides at the school's special rate of £9 for a set of three books.** These will cover all topics done in Y10 and Y11. This may have been purchased at the end of last academic year by some students. Please note that any revision support materials used must be specific to the new '9-1' Science AQA GCSE Courses.

**Executive Headteacher: Roisin Paul**

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We also offer students the option of purchasing an access code for [www.mygcscscience.com](http://www.mygcscscience.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 £12.70 and is 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. Your son/daughter has already started work towards their GCSE courses in Science, as these began after the February half term holiday. We are keen to ensure that you are fully informed about how their GCSE courses will be structured and assessed so that you are able to support their progress. The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to clarify the main issues.

**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.**

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Yours sincerely

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Head of Science  
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Y10 Separate Science Revision Guides 19-20

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

Please provide a set of revision guides for my son/daughter. I enclose cash/cheque for £9.00 (payable to Silverdale School) in an envelope marked clearly with child's name, form and **Y10 Separate Sciences Revision Guides**.

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

**PLEASE HAND IN TO STUDENT RECEPTION**

Silverdale School - mysciencegcse.com access code

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

Please arrange an access code for my son/ daughter. They will require a code for **Triple Science**.  
I enclose £12.70

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