

September 2019



Dear Parent/Carer

Y11 Science – Separate Science Groups

Your son/daughter has now completed the first units of their three GCSE science courses and the purpose of this letter is to ensure that you are full informed about how their GCSE course will be assessed.

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 Practical' (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 again offering CGP Revision guides at the school's special rate of £9.00 for a set of three books – if you obtained these in Y10, there is no need to purchase again!** These will cover all topics done in Y10 and Y11. Please note that any revision support materials used must be specific to the new '9-1' Science AQA GCSE Courses.

Some students have already purchased an access code for www.mygcscience.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 will last until 30 June 2020.**

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Full details of the course can be found at 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.

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

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Mr D Jones
Head of Science
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Y11 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 **Y11 Separate Sciences Revision Guides**. Alternatively you can pay by Parentpay.

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 _____