



17th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Proposed Change from Separate Science to Combined Science

I am writing to inform you about a proposed change to your child's Science pathway following their most recent mock examination results and the wider challenges to the Year 11 timetable. We are proposing that your child moves from Separate Science to Combined Science. We recognise that this decision may come as a surprise, but we believe it is in your child's best interest.

This change would take effect from **January**, when we return from the holiday break. This timing ensures that we can make the most of the remaining time and provide your child with the fullest opportunity to prepare effectively for their exams.

This proposal has been made to ensure your child is best positioned to achieve their full potential. By moving to Combined Science:

- Your child will continue to have **six Science lessons per week**, maintaining substantial curriculum coverage and allowing more time to focus on mastering key concepts.
- The length of their exams will reduce from **1 hour 45 minutes to 1 hour 15 minutes**, helping to alleviate some of the pressures associated with longer assessments.
- There will be around **30% less content** to learn, enabling your child to focus on developing a greater depth of understanding of the core material. This also allows time to be directed towards other important subjects, such as English and Mathematics.

These adjustments are designed to provide a more manageable workload while increasing your child's ability to perform confidently and successfully in their exams.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this proposed change further, please contact us via email no later than **Friday, 20th December**. If we do not hear from you by this date, we will assume that you have reviewed and discussed this proposal and agreed that this change is in your child's best interest.

Thank you for your understanding and support as we work together to ensure the best outcomes for your child.

Yours faithfully,

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