



15<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

### Information Regarding Year 10 Science Classes (Combined and Triple Science)

After the half term break, some Year 10 students will be changing science sets to support their progression into Year 11. Setting and tiering decisions are based upon PPE performance and progress throughout all forms of assessment, across the whole of Year 10.

As a reminder for families and students, the foundation tier allows students to achieve grades 1-1 to 5-5 (1 to 5 in triple science) and the higher tier, grades 4-4 to 9-9 (4 to 9 in triple science). Students who do not achieve a 4-4 on higher tier assessment do not achieve a science GCSE.

Please see the table below for a summary of the tier of entry that each class will be studying for the remainder of their course.

Final tiering decisions will be made in January 2025. It is therefore imperative that students consistently work hard in lessons and prepare effectively for all assessments, to support us in this process.

Class Code	Course Studied	Expected Tier of Entry
10aSc1/ 10bSc1	AQA Triple Science	Higher Tier
10aSc2/ 10bSc2	AQA Triple Science	Higher Tier
10aSc3/ 10bSc3	AQA Combined Science	Higher Tier
10aSc4/10bSc4	AQA Combined Science	Higher Tier
10aSc5/10bSc5	AQA Combined Science	Crossover Tier – will study Higher Tier content (final tiering decision in Jan 2025)
10aSc6/ 10bSc6	AQA Combined Science	Foundation Tier
10aSc7/ 10bSc7	AQA Combined Science	Foundation Tier

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours Sincerely,

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