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10th November 2023

Year 11 – Science Qualification Change

Dear Parent/Carer,

During Year 10 and the first half-term of Year 11 we have been closely monitoring your child's academic performance in science. In order to support them in achieving the best Science GCSE grades possible we believe the Combined Science course is best suited to them. We have discussed this possibility at length with your child and they have expressed a desire to be entered for the Combined Science GCSE examinations rather than the Triple Science GCSE examinations.

I wish to reassure you that the Combined Science course still involves the study, and examination, of Biology, Chemistry and Physics, however, the examinations are shorter in length, have a reduced number of extended writing questions and require less content to be learned. For these reasons, it is likely that your child will achieve a higher grade on the combined course.

Your child will remain in their current Science class and still be taught all the material and prepared in ways to achieve the highest grades. By moving to Combined Science they will also benefit from extra lesson time to prepare for their final examinations in May 2024. This will give them the best possible chance to secure the highest outcomes they can in science. This is particularly important to help them with their next steps in their education and beyond.

If you wish to discuss this decision further, please email me at: sj.allen@kingsmeadschool.net

Yours faithfully,

Mrs. S. Allen
Director of Science