

Dear Parent / Carer

Year 11 GCSE Sciences: Information for Parents

As final examinations approach, the Science Department have to decide which particular GCSE Science exam your child will be entered for in Summer 2019. Since I wrote to you earlier in the term we have had further communication from the exam board regarding the upcoming GCSE Science exams which has allowed us to confirm the Science exam pathway we believe will allow your child to achieve the best outcomes in their final external exams this summer.

In Science we have two routes, Combined Science or Separate Sciences. Both examinations will result in multiple Science GCSE qualifications awarded in Summer 2019 and permit full access into any post-16 education courses or careers. The key differences between the two courses are summarised below:

| Combined Science | Separate Sciences |
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| 2 GCSEs | 3 GCSEs |
| Study all three Sciences | Study all three Sciences in more depth with some extra topics included |
| 6 exams in Year 11 (two in each subject) 1hr 15mins each | 6 exams in Year 11 (two in each subject) 1hr 45mins each |
| Foundation and Higher tier entry | Foundation and Higher tier entry |
| Grades 9 to 1 available | Grades 9 to 1 available in each subject |
| Allows progression to post-16 courses | Allows progression to post-16 courses |
| Learning of the final units will allow a large block of time to revise for the final exams in lesson time as we have less content to cover | Learning of the final units of work will continue moving at a fast pace with less time for revision in school |

Your child will sit exams for **GCSE Combined Science**.

If you have any questions regarding this, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance or to Dr Larner (vlarner@stratfordschool.co.uk) or Dr Wood (nwood@stratfordschool.co.uk).

We look forward to continuing to support your child to achieve their best in GCSE Sciences.

Yours faithfully


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