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Dear Families

Year 7 and Year 8 Science Assessment Policy

We are writing to summarise the assessment strategies that we have put in place for our Year 7 and Year 8 students. We hope this information will help you support your child with their studies and provide you with a clear understanding of how we monitor progress.

Assessment

The objective of our assessment policy is to ensure that both the teachers and the students have the opportunity to review their progress at regular points throughout the year, whilst recognising that the testing process can be stressful and that student progress is not linear.

Students are given a written assessment once every full term, i.e. three times per academic year. This takes place during one of their science lessons. The majority of the content tested is based on the topics they have covered most recently, while a smaller percentage of questions focus on knowledge gained earlier in the year. Each written test includes a range of question types, including one longer response question. This challenges students to provide structured explanations based on scientific concepts, a skill that we are keen for them to start practising and developing.

The next written assessment will take place towards the end of this summer term, week commencing Monday 25 June 2018. Please note that this was originally scheduled for late May, but has been moved back to allow for completion and revision of all content. The questions on this assessment, which comes at the end of the academic year, will be drawn from all the content students have been taught during their current school year. A list of topics for each year group is attached to this email and a selection of practice questions and mark schemes for some of the topics will shortly be available on [Firefly](#). After your child has completed their log in choose: [resources/subjects/science/KS3science](#) and then select Year 7 or Year 8 from the sidebar. The resources on Firefly will be updated during the second half of the summer term.

Building and recalling key scientific knowledge and facts is a fundamental skill for students' ability to problem solve scientific scenarios. This is similar to the way that memorising times tables is fundamental to achieving mastery in maths. We therefore also set online knowledge based quizzes on a half termly basis using [Doddle](#). These are set as homework and the results are then printed for students to keep in their books.



Following both written and online assessments we hold intervention lessons where the teacher ensures that knowledge gaps are filled before moving onto a new topic.

If you would like to purchase a revision guide, we recommend the CGP KS3 Science Study Guide (Higher) which is available either from the CGP website or from Amazon. Alternatively, students can access Doodle whenever they would like to, and review presentations and complete quizzes on every topic they have studied this year. Finally, [BBC Bitesize](#) KS3 also has comprehensive summaries of each topic online.

I hope this information is useful to you. We continue to appreciate your support while we develop the quality of teaching and learning across the Science department.

Yours faithfully

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