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Dear Families

Science Department Update

Thank you for your support over the last year while I have been working hard to recruit a team of permanent, specialist science teachers. I am pleased to tell you that we are now fully staffed for September, with a balanced team of Physics, Chemistry and Biology specialists, all of whom will be permanent members of staff and have qualified teaching status. All new staff members have been into school recently for a full induction and I am looking forward to working with them in September.

From Friday 6 – Friday 20 July both Mr Knocker and Mr Taylor from the Science Department will be with the school expedition to Kenya. Mr Knocker and Mr Taylor have planned suitable cover work which will be delivered in the normal lesson time, so that your child's learning will not be adversely affected. Resources for all the topics covered are also available on Doodle, which your child can access with their login details.

Looking ahead to September, please ensure your child keeps their current Science exercise book and brings it into school for the start of the new term in September? Both the Key Stage 3 and GCSE schemes of work continue in September so your child will need to continue with their current book. New books will be provided when existing books are full, however, if a student misplaces their book, they will need to purchase a new one for 10p from the science prep room.

Before the start of the next academic year, please check that your child has the following equipment for every lesson:

- black ballpoint or fountain pens (not felt pens);
- at least one green ballpoint;
- several plain pencils;
- a 30cm clear/ transparent ruler;
- a protractor;
- an eraser and a pencil sharpener;
- one or more highlighter pens;
- a scientific calculator as recommended by the Maths department: Casio fx-85GT; and a glue stick.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Foley
Curriculum Leader, Science