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Dear Parents/Carers

Year 10 Science sets 3-7 Mock Examinations

In a change to the published calendar the Science Mock examinations will no longer take place on 12th February. Instead they will take place on **Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March**. This is to allow pupils to have completed more of their course before their mock and thus give us a more realistic idea of their progress.

Pupils will sit 3 examinations over these two days. They will sit Biology on Tuesday period 3, Chemistry on Wednesday period 1 and Physics on Wednesday period 3. The exams will each last 1 hour and will take place in the assembly hall. This is to give your son a real experience of what it will be like to sit his GCSE examinations. Please ensure your son is prepared and has a black pen, pencil, ruler and calculator for all examinations.

Please encourage your son to revise thoroughly for these examinations and to take them very seriously. The results of the mocks will be used to decide if your son is capable of sitting and passing GCSE Core Science at the end of year 10. It is hoped that as many pupils as possible will sit their Core Science GCSE this year however, based on these mock examination results, we may decide that some pupils would be better to wait and sit this examination at the end of year 11. It is, I'm sure you will agree, preferable to sit it at the end of year 10 when the information is fresh in their mind and to get one of their GCSE examinations over with because at the end of year 11 they will also have to sit their Additional Science GCSE examinations.

Your son already has access to the textbook for his course on Kerboodle and should be using this for revision. The login details are as follows:

www.kerboodle.com

username = first initial and surname in lower case e.g. asmith

password= first initial and surname in lower case e.g. asmith

institution code = re1

The Science staff also offer GCSE revision at the following times:

Day	Lunch time	After school
MONDAY		Chemistry GCSE - Miss McConvery - Room 10
TUESDAY	GCSE SCIENCE CLINIC <i>Anyone in yr10 or 11 can drop in to get help with a particular topic, ask about something you are unsure of or to undertake personal study.</i> Miss McConvery - Room 10 GCSE Biology drop in - Miss Lalgee	Physics GCSE - Mr Cousins - Room 16
WEDNESDAY		GCSE Biology drop in - Miss McRory

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely

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