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Dear parent

Re: Year 11 Science Grouping – 2023/2024

Following the end of Year 10 exams, we have re-grouped the classes according to the course and tier students will be entered for.

The groupings for Science this year are:

- Group 1 – Triple Science – 3 separate GCSEs for Biology Chemistry and Physics (higher tier)
- Group 2 – GCSE Combined Science/Trilogy (double award) (higher tier or foundation tier)
- Groups 3,4,5 – GCSE Combined Science/Trilogy (double award) (foundation tier)

There are a small number of students who have moved between the triple class and combined science class. Also a small number of students have moved between higher and foundation tier classes. The decision for these moves has been based on student performance in the Year 10 exam and discussions between Science teachers.

Group 2 will all be taught the higher content, with some students sitting the higher exam and some the foundation exam – this will be discussed with the students in their first lesson.

Classes 11Sc3-5 will all be taught the content for the foundation tier and are mixed classes.

There will be further Science exams in the October PPEs and the results of this, when combined with the Year 10 exam, will be used to predict your child's overall GCSE grade. Following these exams there will be the opportunity to review each student's course and tier of entry.

Please visit the Science department's section of the website <https://sites.google.com/smithdonhigh.org.uk/science/key-stage-4> for more information on what will be covered in the exams, together with revision materials and links to each GCSE specification.

Each student has been loaned an Oxford revision guide and revision homework will be set from this. There will also be after school science help available - the dates and times of these will be confirmed shortly.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pike on c.pike@smithdonhigh.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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