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Dear parent

Re: Year 11 Science Grouping – 2021/2022

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 group 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)
- 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.

Groups 3 to 5 are not grouped according to ability, students in these classes will all be taught the same content and to the same depth according to the GCSE specification. So for some students it may appear that they have been 'moved up or down' within these classes, this is not the case as we have simply created three equally sized classes of mixed ability.

There will be a further Science exam covering paper 2 content in November and the result of this when combined with the year 10 exam (paper 1 content) will be used to predict your child's overall GCSE grade. Following these exams there will be the opportunity to review the students 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 Paper 2 exams, together with revision materials and links to each GCSE specification.

Each student has been issued with an Oxford revision guide and revision homework will be set from this. Science teachers will also be available to offer help and support on a Tuesday after school from 3-4pm in A16.

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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