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Re: CCh/LT

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Dear parent

Re: Year 10 Science Groupings

As year 10 students begin their GCSE Science courses, we have made some changes to the Science class groupings.

These changes have been based on ranking across all year 9 assessments, together with discussions between class teachers to determine whether students are possible triple science, higher tier or foundation tier candidates. This will be reviewed again at the end of the year 10 to decide students' course and tier of entry for year 11.

Classes 10Sc1 and 10Sc2 will be taught the same content and level of demand and so are essentially parallel classes. For some students it may appear they have 'moved up or down' this however is not necessarily the case. Classes 10Sc3-5 will all be taught the content for the foundation tier and are mixed classes.

In Year 10 and 11, students will be taught by three specialist science teachers covering Biology, Chemistry and Physics and will sit six science exams at the end of year 11. Please visit the Science department's section of the website for more information on the exam specifications and revision materials.

<https://sites.google.com/smithdonhigh.org.uk/science/key-stage-4>

Students who show a particular aptitude and desire to study triple science, will be considered for the triple science class in Year 11. The differences between tiers, classes and exam structures will be explained to your son or daughter by their science teacher in their first Science lesson.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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