



Smithdon High School
Mrs A Gibbins
Headteacher
Downs Road, Hunstanton
Norfolk PE36 5HY
Telephone: 01485 534541
e-mail: office@smithdonhigh.org.uk
website: www.smithdonhigh.org.uk

Ref: CPi/LT

13 September 2023

Dear Parent

Re: Year 10 Science Groupings

I hope that you had a lovely summer holiday. As students begin their GCSE Science courses this September, we have made some changes to the Science class groupings.

These changes have been based on ranking across all Year 9 Assessments but also in discussion with class teachers of whether students are possible triple science, higher tier or foundation tier candidates. This will be reviewed again at the end of Year 10 to decide students' course and tier of entry for Year 11.

Classes 10Sc1 and 10Sc2 will be taught the content for the higher tier and are mixed classes. For some students it may appear they have "moved up or down" – this however is not necessarily the case. Classes 10Sc3 and 10Sc4 will all be taught the content for the foundation tier and are mixed classes.

In Years 10 and 11, students will be taught by three science teachers covering Biology, Chemistry and Physics and will sit six science exams at the end of Year 11. Please visit the Smithdon High School Science Department 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/daughter by their science teacher in their first Science lesson.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to me on c.pike@smithdonhigh.org.uk

Yours sincerely

Mrs C. Pike
Head of Science

