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29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian

### Year 11 Double Award Science/Separate Science Practical Examinations

#### Practical Examinations

Your child will be sitting the GCSE Double Award Science / Separate Science Practical Examinations on the following dates: **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February**. The practical examinations are an important part of the overall grades awarded and we are currently preparing all classes in Year 11 for this important aspect of the course.

On the day of the examination each student will complete a Biology practical in the Science Laboratory, followed by a written paper to explore and explain the results of the experiment. This will then be repeated with a Physics Practical and a written paper. Please note if your child is entered for separate Science a third practical is required in Chemistry.

All students **must** sit these exams in order to receive their GCSE Science qualifications.

#### Useful links for the practical exams

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zymkfcw/revision/1>

#### How can you support your child's success?

- Ensure that they are in school on time
- Check equipment with them, which needs to be in a clear pencil case, containing: black pen, ruler, pencil, rubber and calculator.
- Discuss the work with them through next week to check that they are prepared
- Contact the Science Department if you have any questions.
- Encourage your child to study the revision link above.

We wish your child every success with the practical element of the course which will gain valuable marks for them ready for the overall grading in the Summer. If we can help in any way please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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