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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to explain briefly about the course that your son/daughter will study in Science for Key Stage 4. We deliver two courses: AQA combined Science Trilogy and AQA Triple Science.

Students studying AQA Combined Science Trilogy - Study Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

At the end of the course in Year 11, students sit six examinations, each one hour and fifteen minutes, consisting of: two Biology, two Chemistry and two Physics papers. The scores from each paper contribute to the final grade which is a double award of two GCSE grades in Science.

Students studying AQA Triple Science - Biology, Chemistry and Physics

Students also study all three Sciences and cover additional course content to the Trilogy students. At the end of the course in Year 11, students will also sit six examinations, however, the examinations are longer in duration (one-hour and forty-five minutes). At the end of the course, 3 GCSE grades are awarded, one for Biology, one for Chemistry and one for Physics.

Students who will be in 101X and 102X, next academic year, will begin studying AQA Triple Science, all other classes will begin to study AQA Combined Science. Set changes will be made after each assessment to best support students with their progress.

Both courses offer students the opportunity to achieve grades 1-9, and both offer a route to A level Sciences and Higher Education.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely

Mr S Acton

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