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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to outline the assessment arrangements for Year 9 science. All Year 9 students will be sitting an end of Key Stage Science 3 (KS3) examination on Tuesday 8 February. The examination will cover work that your child has studied since Year 7. Details of the content included can be found using the links below. Students will be given paper copies of this information in class and this will also be on their google classroom. There is also a H/W plan attached which outlines the seneca tasks that your child will be set. Students will be sitting either a higher or foundation paper, this will be discussed and decided with their teacher. The links

[Higher paper](#)

[Foundation paper](#)

[Seneca H/W plan](#)

You can help your child with further preparation for this test at home with a KS3 Science Revision Workbook, which many students bought in Year 7 or 8. If your child does not have a revision guide, these can be purchased at bookshops or online. Students can also revise online on the BBC bitesize website: www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks3/science. Your child will continue to be supported in school by completing revision activities during science lessons in January after all the KS3 content has been delivered. Students will be provided with practice exam papers, revision lists and revision resources via the google classroom.

The results of the end of KS3 examination will contribute towards your child's end of KS3 level, which will be used to determine the most suitable course for your child at Key Stage 4 (KS4). Many students will be keen to study triple science at KS4 and we will select students for triple science using the end of KS3 levels along with teacher assessments of homework and class work. Students who do not study triple science will study double combined science. We recommend students achieve the equivalent of a GCSE grade 3 or above to study triple science and this will be reviewed on a case by case basis. All students will start the GCSE science courses after the end of KS3 examination, a decision about triple or combined science will not be made until after the Year 9 options evening. The results of this examination will also be used to determine the most suitable set for your child for the remainder of Year 9 and for Year 10.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 01275 373737 or email hakej@skdrive.org if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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