

Key information: GCSE Science

Dear Parents/Carers,

As our Year 10's are now fully embarking on their GCSE pathway, we wanted to use this opportunity to outline some recommendations we have for our year 10 students as well as answering any questions you may have about the tier of entry we enter your child for.

Higher or foundation tier?

The foundation paper can be graded from grade 1 to a grade 5. The higher paper can be graded from 4-9. If students achieve less than a grade 4 or 4-4 on their paper they would normally get a U grade, so we need to make sure we do the best for your child by entering them on the right tier.

We will enter all students for higher in their Year 10 Summer PPE. If students have achieved a grade 5 in the summer paper this year, in order for them to stay on higher, they would need to perform just as well on both sets of PPEs in year 11, ideally better, for us to keep them on higher tier. Those students that achieved less than 4 in the November PPE will be placed on foundation for the 2nd year 11 PPE and their real exam.

We want to ensure all students are successful in Science, and by ensuring they are on the right tier we can be certain they have the best chance of this.

CGP revision guides and flashcards

We are strongly recommending that all students purchase the correct revision guide and flashcards for their qualification. We will be using both in lessons. It is important to us that we show students how to use these to maximise their revision. Also, in the event of future isolations, lockdowns, or illness, students will be well equipped to maintain their studies and ensure they can get the best possible grade. We have purchased these at a reduced price so they would cost significantly less than the retail price. Please see the list below for details.

All students who are eligible for pupil premium will be given this free of charge.

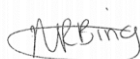
Qualification	Item	Retail price	School Price
Combined Science	Combined Science Revision Guide	£9.95	£5.73
	9-1 GCSE Combined Science: Physics Edexcel Revision Question Cards	£5.99	£2.86
	9-1 GCSE Combined Science: Chemistry Edexcel Revision Question Cards	£5.99	£2.86

	9-1 GCSE Combined Science: Biology Edexcel Revision Question Cards	£5.99	£2.86
Biology	Grade 9-1 GCSE Biology: Edexcel Revision Guide with Online Edition	£5.95	£3.58
	9-1 GCSE Biology Edexcel Revision Question Cards	£8.99	£3.68
Chemistry	Grade 9-1 GCSE Chemistry: Edexcel Revision Guide with Online Edition	£5.95	£3.58
	9-1 GCSE Chemistry Edexcel Revision Question Cards	£8.99	£3.68
Physics	Grade 9-1 GCSE Physics: Edexcel Revision Guide with Online Edition	£5.95	£3.58
	9-1 GCSE Physics Edexcel Revision Question Cards	£8.99	£3.68

These are available to purchase on SQUID. We will be taking orders up until the 9th of October and then will be distributing these between the 10th and 14th of October. The students will have an assembly on the 14th of October that will show them how to use their resources, and how to be as successful as they possibly can in Science.

We hope that you have found this useful. If you have any more questions please do not hesitate to ask the Science Team.

Yours faithfully,



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