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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10/11 Science Courses

I am writing to let you know about your child's science course for next academic year- when they start year 10. Our science department follow the AQA combined science trilogy and AQA separate science (Triple Science) courses.

Combined Science

Students who do combined science will gain 2 science GCSE qualifications. They continue to study all 3 sciences: biology, chemistry and physics. They sit 6 exams at the end of year 11 and get 2 combined science grades - which is obtained from taking an average of all 6 exams, 2 exams for each science.

Triple Science

Students who follow the separate sciences route will leave with 3 science GCSE qualifications; one in Biology, one in Chemistry and one in Physics. Students also sit 6 exams, however they are longer than the combined exams as there is additional content in the separate science course. The average score of the 2 Biology exams gives students their Biology GCSE grade, and so on.

The separate and combined qualification will be taught in the same amount of time, and so students on the Triple Science course will be expected to keep up with the faster pace and additional demand of their lessons and homework. Sustained effort through years 10 and 11 will put your son/daughter in a strong position to achieve success in GCSE Science.

If your child was in 9x1 (teacher: Ms Fields) or 9y1 (teacher: Mr Payne and Miss Hayles) then they will automatically go into the triple science route.

If they do not wish to, please inform us as soon as possible. Likewise, if they were not in either of those groups, but wish to be considered for triple science, please let us know. The easiest way to let us know is to email info@orchard.tila.school

Yours sincerely,

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