

JC/cc year 9 KS4 starting January

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To: Parents/Guardians of Year 9 pupils

Dear Parents/Guardians

The removal of the National Key Stage 3 testing combined with changes to the GCSE specification has allowed us to look at ways in which we can enrich the science curriculum and allow wider and more detailed study at Key Stage 4. Therefore we now finish the Key Stage 3 curriculum at the end of the autumn term and assess the pupils accordingly.

We then start teaching the science GCSE course in the January of Year 9. The modules studied in Year 9 will be common to Triple Science and the standard Year 10 course so will not affect option choices in the spring of Year 9. Pupils will take their first module examination in the January of Year 10, as we do at present.

This will allow pupils more time to study at Key Stage 4 giving us the chance to further develop scientific skills, include more practical work and topical enrichment activities. This should result in more motivated pupils and enhanced examination results.

Yours sincerely

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