



St Katherine's School

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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 examination on Friday 16 November. 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 have been given paper copies of this information in class. Students in sets 3 and 4 will have had a discussion with their class teacher about which paper (higher or foundation) they will be taking.

[Higher paper \(sets 1-2 and some students in set 3 and 4\)](#)

[Foundation paper \(set 5 and some students in set 3 and 4\)](#)

Students have been completing revision work in class and at home since the start of year 9 to prepare for this examination. You can help your child with further preparation for this test at home with a Key Stage 3 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. 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. Students will be provided with practice exam papers, revision lists and revision resources via the google classroom. Your child can log in to the google classroom at home by signing into their school google account.

The results of the end of key stage three examination will contribute towards your child's end of key stage three level, which will be used to determine the most suitable course for your child at key stage four. Many students will be keen to study triple science at key stage four and we will select students for triple science using end of key stage three levels along with teacher assessments of homework and class work. Students who do not study triple science will study double combined science. All students will start the GCSE science courses after the end of KS3 examination in November, a decision about triple or combined science will not be made until after the year 9 options evening in February. 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 iveyz@skdrive.org if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

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