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Dear Parent/Carer

End of Year Mock Exams – Years 9 and 10

In preparation for the next stage of the GCSE Science courses, your son/daughter will be completing end of Year Mock exams over the next 4 weeks. The data from these exams, along with all previous assessments, will be used to ensure your son/daughter is in the most appropriate set next academic year.

Of course it is vital that students maintain and build on the knowledge and skills they have developed so far in their GCSE courses. Following the Mock exams, we will provide a detailed 'GAP' analysis for each student to further focus their future revision and identify their own individual areas for development. They may also receive additional intervention from a Trust Director of Science to support areas in need of development.

Your son/daughter should revise all the relevant work from their exercise books and assessment files in preparation please. In addition, he/she now has a login and password for a revision package called Educake, which can be accessed from any device with internet access at educake.co.uk. Students can access self-marking tests to revise and practise their recall of all key facts and information.

We have also set up a new revision website with access to 'knowledge organiser' summaries, required practical videos and questions, 'cheeky one-mark answers' and topic challenges for your son/daughter to use. This can be found at <https://sites.google.com/bydales.outwood.com/sciencerevision/home>

Finally, to further help in preparation for the next stage of the GCSE science courses, CGP Revision Guides are available to purchase for each of the courses students are studying, at a charge of £5.50 per guide for the Combined Science or £2.75 per guide for each of the three Separate Triple Science guides. If you wish to purchase these guides, you can do so through the Main Office at the costs above. Your son/daughter will receive a receipt which s/he can bring to a science teacher who will allocate the correct guides. Those who do not wish to purchase these guides will be loaned them later in Year 11.

Important Dates:

The table overleaf illustrates the arrangements for the Year 9 and 10 assessments.

The Year 10 Maths Key Indicator Piece (KIP) does not require any content revision.

Date	Period	Year	Assessment	Length of Exam	Content to be covered	Venue
Friday 25 May	1	10 X band	Maths KIP	30 mins	Maths skills for science GCSE	Normal classrooms
Friday 25 May	2	10 Y band	Maths KIP	30 mins	Maths skills for science GCSE	Normal classrooms
Monday 11 June	1 & 2	9	End of year assessment	1 hr 45 mins	B1, 2 and 3 C1, 2, 3 and part of C4 P1, 2 and 3	Normal classrooms
Thursday 14 June	4 & 5	10	End of year assessment	1 hr 45 mins	B5, 6 and 7 C6, 7 and 8 P4, 5 and 6	Sports Hall

Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact me at a.chiverton@bydales.outwood.com if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully



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