

5 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

My name is Dr Sharma and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as Head of Science and welcome our new Year 7 students to the Science Department at Sir John Colfox Academy.

Science is an exciting and challenging subject, and we know that our Year 7 students will join us from a wide range of primary schools, all with a different amount of experience and knowledge. As such, we will be assessing their knowledge from primary school by the end of this week.

No revision is needed for this assessment as we are trying to assess their prior knowledge. Please reassure your child that there is no need to do any preparation and encourage them to try all of the questions to the best of their ability.

We will be using the results from this assessment to reset students from their current mixed ability classes into sets based on ability. This will allow us to provide targeted interventions for our higher ability students, and provide more support for those students who need additional help.

All students will have access to the same curriculum, and will be taught the same topics. Students will be told their new sets in the week beginning 25 September and will take effect in the week beginning 2 October.

Thank you in advance for your support with your child's Science learning and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this assessment or the Science setting.

Yours faithfully



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