

The Sir John Colfox Academy



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Dear Parents

RE: Year 11 Science Intervention

I hope that you had an enjoyable summer, I am sure that you realise what an important year this will be for your son or daughter and that there is now only 8 months to prepare students for their final GCSE examinations. We understand that your support in this is vital to our student's preparedness and we would like to take this opportunity to help you understand the science department's support and intervention plans.

We will be carrying out a weekly intervention assessment either in class or as homework to select students for specific topic intervention. If students fail to achieve their target grade, we will select them to attend an intervention session on this topic in school. Although the levels will vary on different topics, we are looking to target students who are more than one grade below their target on each topic. The lowest attaining students will get an invitation to the correct topic intervention sessions to help them master this topic. It is expected that most students will not need to attend all of these sessions and will attend only if they have a specific topic need.

With our support, we believe that your son or daughter will have a significantly increased chance of securing his or her target grade. Each Thursday lunchtime I will be working with a small group of students on the previous week's intervention test topic. I hope to improve their exam technique and subject knowledge in these sessions. These are 'closed sessions', available only to the invited students; the focus is on providing students with a period of additional support which will enable them to develop skills where currently there are gaps or weaknesses.

I attach for your assistance the rota of tests that year 11 will sit each week. For students help, I will also make sure that these are on the student bulletin each week. A list of students who need to attend the Thursday intervention will also be on the student bulletin. Your son or daughter should be able to tell you which science group they are in to highlight the test they have each week. Later on in the year, the science department will hold more open revision sessions that any student may attend. I will notify you of the rooms and days in due course when the revision needs of our students are better known. Please remember that revision guides are available to order from the library. You can also order these at the Year 11 Success Evening next week and I will be available to chat with during this evening if you need any further information.

We really appreciate the amazing support you always offer to our department, with your child's science studies and I would further appreciate your support in ensuring that your son or daughter attends the intervention sessions suggested to them. I will try to keep parents informed of all necessary sessions. If you should have any queries in this regard or have any queries about the best way you can support your child in science then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Science Faculty



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W/C	WK	TRIPLE TEST	L1	R1	DOUBLE TEST	L2	R2	R3
			KEH/N T	JS/JM H		JMH/R P	KN/R P	NT/JS
03/Sep/2018	1							
10/09/2018	2							
17/09/2018	3	Bio - Cells 4.1	NT	JMH	Bio - Cells 4.1	JMH	KN	NT
24/09/2018	4	Chem - atoms 4.1	KEH	JS	Chem - atoms 5.1	RP	RP	JS
01/10/2018	5	Physics - Energy 4.1	NT	JMH	Physics - Energy 6.1	JMH	KN	NT
08/10/2018	6	Bio - Organisation 4.2	KEH	JS	Bio - Organisation 4.2	RP	RP	JS
15/10/2018	7	Chem - Bonding 4.2	NT	JMH	Chem - Bonding 5.2	JMH	KN	NT
22/10/2018	HT							
29/10/2018	8	Physics - Electricity 4.2	KEH	JS	Physics - Electricity 6.2	RP	RP	NT
05/11/2018	9	Bio - Infection & response 4.3	NT	JMH	Bio - Infection & response 4.3	JMH	KN	JS
12/11/2018	10	Chem - Qualitative chemistry 4.3	KEH	JS	Chem - Qualitative chemistry 5.3	RP	RP	NT
19/11/2018	11	Physics - Particle Model 4.3	NT	JMH	Physics - Particle Model 6.3	JMH	KN	JS
26/11/2018	12	Bio - Bioenergetics 4.4	KEH	JS	Bio - Bioenergetics 4.4	RP	RP	NT
03/12/2018	13	Chem - review mock paper questions	NT	JMH	Chem - Chemical Changes 5.4	JMH	KN	JS
10/12/2018	14	Physics - Atomic Structure 4.4	KEH	JS	Physics - Atomic Structure 6.4	RP	RP	NT
17/12/2018	15	Bio - Homeostasis & response 4.5	NT	JMH	Bio - Homeostasis & response 4.5	JMH	KN	JS
24/12/2018	XMAS							
31/12/2018								
07/01/2019	16	Chem - Energy Changes 4.5	KEH	JS	Chem - Energy Changes 5.5	NT	RP	NT
14/01/2019	17	Physics - Forces 4.5	NT	JMH	Physics - Forces 6.5	KEH	KN	JS
21/01/2019	18	Bio - Inheritance, Variation & Evolution 4.6	KEH	JS	Bio - Inheritance, Variation & Evolution 4.6	NT	RP	NT
28/01/2019	19	Chem - Rate of Reactions 4.6	NT	JMH	Chem - Rate of Reactions 5.6	KEH	KN	JS
04/02/2019	20	Physics - Waves 4.6	KEH	JS	Physics - Waves 6.6	NT	RP	NT

11/02/2019	HT							
18/02/2019	21	Bio - Ecology 4.7	NT	JMH	Bio - Ecology 4.7	KEH	KN	JS
25/02/2019	22	Chem - Organic Chemistry 4.7	KEH	JS	Chem - Organic Chemistry 5.7	NT	RP	NT
04/03/2019	23	Physics - Magnetism & Electromagnetism 4.7	NT	JMH	Physics - Magnetism & Electromagnetism 6.7	KEH	KN	JS
11/03/2019	24	Chem - Chemical analysis 4.8	KEH	JS	Chem - Chemical analysis 5.8	NT	RP	NT
18/03/2019	25	Physics - Space Physics 4.8	NT	JMH	Mixed Bio	KEH	KN	JS
25/03/2019	26	Mixed Bio	NT	JS	Mixed Chem	NT	RP	NT
01/04/2019	EASTER							
08/04/2019	EASTER							
15/04/2019	27	Mixed Chem	KEH	JMH	Mixed Physics	KEH	KN	JS
22/04/2019	28	Mixed Physics	NT	JS	Mixed Questions	NT	RP	NT
29/04/2019	29							
06/05/2019	30							
13/05/2019	31	B1 Exam 14.5.19			B1 Exam 14.5.19			
		C1 Exam 16.5.19			C1 Exam 16.5.19			
20/05/2019	32	P1 Exam 22.5.19			P1 Exam 22.5.19			
27/05/2019	Half Term Revision							
03/06/2019	33	B2 Exam 7.6.19			B2 Exam 7.6.19			
10/06/2019	34	C2 Exam 12.6.19			C2 Exam 12.6.19			
		P2 Exam 14.6.19			P2 Exam 14.6.19			