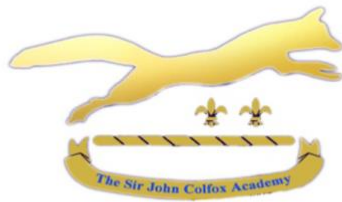


The Sir John Colfox Academy



Inspiring Learning, Achieving Excellence

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Dear Parents

Year 9 Science Classes

During Year 7 and 8 your child has been in a mixed ability set for Science. However, in Year 9 the students will be grouped by ability. This grouping is based on their attainment in Year 7 and 8 and these decisions have been reached by using the student's summative assessments, together with the knowledge of each student's capabilities from their current teacher. Your child's assessment grades have placed them in **9R3**

All students in Year 9 will continue to study and be assessed in the same topics, so that movement between sets is possible at the end of each term throughout Year 9. At the end of Year 9 final decisions will be made about the course that students will follow at GCSE, and at this time students will be allocated to a final group.

From Year 10, the highest achieving students will be placed in a **Triple Science** set and they will prepare for a separate Science course. Students who subsequently achieve grade 4 or above at the end of Year 11 will then be awarded **three** GCSE Science Passes in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

All other students will follow the **Combined Science** GCSE. Students who achieve grade 4 or above at the end of Year 11 will be awarded **two** GCSE Science Passes.

Once students have been placed in their Year 10 groups, we do not anticipate any further set moves. You will of course be informed about GCSE allocation towards the end of Year 9.

Please note, the Combined Science course is still a suitable pathway for students wanting to progress to Level 3 Science courses e.g. A-Levels, if their grades are high enough.

If you have any questions or you would like to discuss your child's progress in Science further, please don't hesitate to contact me or your child's Science teacher.

Yours sincerely

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