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Dear parent

Re: Year 11 Science Grouping – 2024/2025

Following the Year 10 exams, we have decided to delay regrouping the majority of students until after their first full assessment in October.

Therefore, the classes will sit the following exams in October to accurately inform us how the groupings for Science need to be altered to ensure students are studying the correct course and tier.

- Group 1 – Triple Science – 3 separate GCSEs for Biology Chemistry and Physics (higher tier)
- Group 2 – GCSE Combined Science/Trilogy (double award) (higher tier or foundation tier)
- Groups 3 and 4 – GCSE Combined Science/Trilogy (double award) (foundation tier)

There are a small number of students who will move between the triple class and combined science class. Also, a small number of students will move between higher and foundation tier. The decision for these moves has been based on student performance in the Year 10 exam and discussions between Science teachers and the students. If this applies to your child, you will already be aware.

After the Science exams in October and the results of these, when combined with the Year 10 exam results we will be able to predict your child's overall GCSE grade. You will be informed of any changes before they happen.

Please visit the Science department's section of the website <https://sites.google.com/smithdonhigh.org.uk/science/key-stage-4> for more information on what will be covered in the exams, together with revision materials and links to each GCSE specification.

Each student has been loaned an Oxford revision guide that can be used for revision. There will also be after school science help available, the date and times will be confirmed in September.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pike on c.pike@smithdonhigh.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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