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Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Science Set Movements

In October students were given a Science CGP revision guide and a letter emphasising the importance of their Science assessments. Every Year 9 student has started their Science GCSEs so the difficulty of work has increased and it is important that students consolidate this work for themselves outside of lessons.

Following the analysis of the recent assessment results we have rearranged the Science sets so students are located in a set that best matches their pace of learning. These set movements will continue to take place throughout Year 9 based on their assessment performances with the next assessment taking place on the 10th January 2018.

In all lessons, students have been made aware that a lack of effort outside of lessons will more than likely be reflected in their assessment scores as they will not be moving towards their end of year target. This could result in students immediately moving to a more appropriate set. If students are disappointed by being moved down a set, then they should use this as motivation to work as hard as possible inside and outside of lessons in order for them to get the results they need to move straight back.

For this current Year 9 cohort we are introducing 'Triple Science'. At the end of Year 9 the students in Set 1 will have the opportunity to go on to study Triple Science where they will gain three GCSEs in Science rather than the normal two GCSEs. The Triple Science course is even more demanding than the already challenging Science GCSE with more examinations and an increased volume of content. The on-going assessments will enable us to see which students will be able to handle the pressure of the increased demand of Triple Science. Students will be specially selected and invited to study Triple Science rather than being able to choose it as an option. More information on Triple Science will follow towards the end of Year 9.

Students should continue to use the GCSE revision guide and Science teachers will make students aware of key pages to work from as well as different revision techniques to use in combination with their CGP guide prior to each assessment. Assessment dates have been highlighted in previous letters and parents can also access the assessment topics via 'Show My Homework' and the Academy website. Completed assessments will be sent home in exercise books for parents to see and results will be reflected in their predicted grades. Our expectations of the students are huge and set movements are aimed at placing students in the correct set to give them the best chance of fulfilling their potential.

Yours sincerely,

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