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Dear Parent/Carer,

Your son/daughter has recently selected their option choices for Key Stage 4. Alongside this we also offer a small number of students the opportunity to study 'Separate Sciences' at GCSE, in which they will receive GCSE's in Biology, Chemistry and Physics rather than two in 'Combined Science'.

'Separate Science' is a particularly challenging course, limited to two classes. Students studying this course will be doing this in addition to the suite of compulsory subjects and options already selected.

As places on this course are limited we have a selection process consisting of two assessments, cross referenced against performance throughout the year. Your son/daughter will complete two assessments during lessons on w/b 7th June 2021. The assessments will be:

Paper 1: KS3 content (45 minutes)

This will include an equal mix of Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics delivered during Key Stage 3.

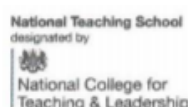
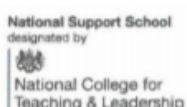
Paper 2: Scientific skills and analysis (45 minutes)

This paper will assess a student's ability in key scientific areas such as; data analysis, interpretation, graph drawing and mathematical skills.

In preparation for the assessments your son/daughter will be given revision resources, including a PLC, and revision lessons will take place in school.

If you have any further question please do not hesitate to get in touch.
Your sincerely,

Mr B Windass
Head of Science



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