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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 10 Science Class Set Changes for September**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of some changes to science class groupings, following a careful analysis of recent PPE (Pre-Public Examination) assessment data and discussions with class teachers.

Your child is currently in a group following the Separate Sciences route, which leads to three GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. This has been delivered through an accelerated programme, offering the same curriculum time as the Combined Science course.

Based on the information gathered so far this academic year, we believe that the Combined Science pathway would be more appropriate for your child at this stage. This course provides a balanced curriculum across all three science disciplines, delivered over 8 lessons per fortnight, and leads to two GCSEs at the end of Year 11.

Students on the Combined Science course can be entered for either the Higher Tier (targeting grades 4–9) or the Foundation Tier (targeting grades 1–5). Please note that students who do not achieve at least a grade 4 on the Higher Tier may receive a U (ungraded), although in exceptional cases a grade 3 may be awarded.

It's important to note that the Combined Science course does not limit progression to further education. One key difference is that students will cover slightly less content in certain topics compared to the Separate Sciences route. This allows for more focused revision and can support students in achieving higher grades.

We understand that changes like this can be challenging, and we are committed to supporting your child through a smooth transition. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Head of Faculty - Science and PE

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