

1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Year 9 Science (letter for parents of current Year 8 students)**

I am writing to inform you of the importance of your daughter's progress in science lessons for Year 9.

We will be starting the GCSE Science course at the beginning of Year 9 and every student will be taught the same content and will take the same assessments in this year.

From Year 10, there are three routes available to students for their GCSE Science qualifications. We will decide which route is best suited to your daughter by considering all of the Year 9 test results and her attitude to learning in her science lessons. The three available routes we offer at The Holt School are:

1. Triple science – students are taught 3 separate sciences ( Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and obtain **three** GCSEs
2. Combined science – students are taught 3 separate sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) and obtain **two** GCSEs. This course does **not stop** students taking up any science to A level as long as they meet the grade requirements.
3. Single science – students obtain **one** science GCSE

The course we choose for your daughter will give her the best chance to achieve the highest possible grade and reach her full potential in science. At the end of Year 9, we will send out a letter to inform you of our decision on the chosen route for your daughter.

In Year 9, we are moving away from exercise books to folders. We recommend that students invest in 3 folders, one for each of biology, chemistry and physics, which they must bring to lessons. They could then have a bigger folder, which they keep at home to transfer the completed modules in to. The work being covered for the current module is expected to be brought to each lesson as it may be used in the lesson for reference. If the correct folder is not present in the lesson, a lunchtime detention will be issued as it will be categorised as “forgotten equipment”. Home learning and some students' work will be collected in for marking and feedback given.

If there is any further information you require please contact me.

Yours sincerely



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