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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 11 Science Examinations

We are keen to ensure that boys in year 11 achieve as highly as possible in their final IGCSE Science examinations. We therefore feel that it is important to evaluate whether the present examination board will indeed give the boys the best chance of achieving the highest grade. In the past the boys have been entered for the Cambridge CIE examinations at either Higher A*-C or Core C-G level. AQA also offer an IGCSE examination which assesses almost identical material in each of the Sciences but at only one tier. We are presently considering whether the AQA examinations might enable the boys to achieve more highly.

In order to help us to make the most informed decision, the boys will be given a second prelim paper in their science lessons following prelim week. These papers will be marked and regardless of the final decision will be good additional examination practice for the boys. Decisions will not be made on an individual basis but collectively across the year based on the exam result analysis. The decision will be made with plenty of time to allow for effective exam preparation in the final months which will be tailored precisely to the exam board of choice.

Please be assured that because the specification coverage of the AQA and Cambridge exams are almost identical then the learning that has taken place in the sciences will be equally good preparation along with the textbooks and revision guides for whichever examination the boys finally sit.

We will of course keep you fully informed of the decision that we make in terms of examination entry but if in the meantime you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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