



# Bishop Wordsworth's School

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Dear Parents/Guardians

## **Re: Yr7 and Yr8 Science**

This year each boy in Yr7 and Yr8 will have a single science teacher for each of their science lessons. They will still cover the work that has always been covered by students in these years but rather than having a Biology, Chemistry and Physics lesson each week they will instead be focussing on a module of work from one of the sciences. The only exception to this is 8M who will have two teachers with the study of two modules, one with each teacher. Reducing the number of modules being studied in Science at any one time by the boys will allow greater focus on the topics of work being studied.

Whilst boys will have science homework on their homework timetable on each day that they have a science lesson there will be occasions, likely to be no more than once a week when no homework is given. We are keen to ensure that boys in Yr7 and Yr8 receive a manageable amount of homework and that each of the homework tasks are carefully planned to consolidate the learning. The science staff have worked hard over the summer reviewing the schemes of work for science in Yr7 and Yr8 and have made improvements to the homework activities where appropriate. When boys are not set homework on one of their lessons the teacher will ask that the boys write 'none set' in their diary.

Yours sincerely

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