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Dear Parents/Carers

Edexcel Separate Sciences

As you might recall, the three separate GCSE courses in Biology, Chemistry and Physics proceed in parallel, with terminal exams at the end of Year 11 (see exam dates overleaf). The Biology course divides into three units B1, B2 and B3, Chemistry into C1, C2 and C3, and Physics into P1, P2 and P3.

During Year 10 we offered you the revision guides and workbooks which between them cover the B1, C1, P1, B2, C2 and P2 units, and I am pleased to say that the feedback on these books has been very positive.

I am now writing to offer you the opportunity to purchase the final revision guide and workbook (complete with answers), covering B3, C3 and P3. We particularly recommend buying the workbook as well the revision guide, as with B3, C3 and P3 there are not many past papers in existence to use for practice.

We are able to pass on the discount that we have secured, and can therefore offer these books at the reduced price of £2.50 each, compared with the standard retail price of £3.99.

Students who are eligible for Free School Meals, or have been at any point during the last six years, will receive their books free of charge via Pupil Premium funding, and in such cases there is no need to respond to this letter.

If you wish to purchase these two revision books I would be very grateful if you would make your payment of £5 via ParentPay, as soon as possible; or request a bar coded letter from Reception if you do not have email access. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

For those who do not wish to purchase these books, there will always be a number of copies available for students to borrow from the school library - but I do hope you will agree that the books represent an excellent investment.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs D Dury (Acting Head of Science)

EDEXCEL BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY & PHYSICS GCSE COURSES

Exams & Assessments

These are three separate GCSEs, studied in parallel throughout Years 10 and 11. Following government changes to the structure of two-year GCSE courses, all the external examinations in Biology, Chemistry and Physics must be taken at the end of Year 11.

In each GCSE, 75% of the marks are awarded via three 1-hour external exams (25% for each exam). The remaining 25% of marks are for a practical-based Controlled Assessment Task:

BIOLOGY GCSE	CHEMISTRY GCSE	PHYSICS GCSE
Biology Controlled Assessment (25% of GCSE) during January 2017	Chemistry Controlled Assessment (25% of GCSE) during January 2017	Physics Controlled Assessment (25% of GCSE) during January 2017
B1 exam (1 hour) Tue 16 May 2017 (p.m.) (25% of GCSE)	C1 exam (1 hour) Thu 18 May 2017 (a.m.) (25% of GCSE)	P1 exam (1 hour) Wed 24 May 2017 (p.m.) (25% of GCSE)
B2 exam (1 hour) Fri 9 Jun 2017 (p.m.) (25% of GCSE)	C2 exam (1 hour) Wed 14 Jun 2017 (a.m.) (25% of GCSE)	P2 exam (1 hour) Fri 16 Jun 2017 (a.m.) (25% of GCSE)
B3 exam (1 hour) Mon 19 Jun 2017 (a.m.) (25% of GCSE)	C3 exam (1 hour) Wed 21 Jun 2017 (a.m.) (25% of GCSE)	P3 exam (1 hour) Fri 23 Jun 2017 (a.m.) (25% of GCSE)