

Our Ref: LD/KH/CM/GCSE Science

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to provide you with some information about the GCSE Science route that your child is currently following. Over the coming weeks, using your child's assessment data from across the year to date, we will be looking at those pupils who will follow the GCSE Triple Science route. Triple Science is the study of the three separate sciences at GCSE where pupils gain three single GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Pupils who complete this course will be entered for the higher tier in Year 11. If the assessment data indicates that your child will be most suited to this route, we will write to inform you.

If the assessment data indicates that your child should follow the Trilogy route for Science where pupils continue to study all three sciences and gain two GCSEs at the end of the course, we will write to inform you. Pupils who study Trilogy Science can gain a grade 9 at GCSE.

If your child is considering studying a Science at Key Stage 5 in Biology, Chemistry or Physics, currently they can access these courses at Barr Beacon School Sixth Form with two GCSEs in Science, including the Science that they wish to study, at a grade 6 or above. A grade 6 in Maths is an additional prerequisite for the study of Physics at A Level. Both the Triple and the Trilogy route enable pupils to study at A-Level on the condition that they achieve grade 6s or above.

The demands of the Triple route are significant and we will only select those pupils who demonstrate the ability and the work ethic to achieve on this route at the higher tier.

I will write to you in due course to inform you of the route that your child will follow.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Hibbs (Deputy Headteacher).

Yours sincerely,

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