

25th January 2016

Dear parents/carers

Science – Controlled Assessments and Revision

In the run-up to May deadlines, Year 11 students will be asked to complete at least two pieces of controlled assessment. This letter is to inform you of the dates of these assessments. The first assessment will run between 2nd and 9th February.

- Students in 11X1, 11X2, 11X3 will be assessed on Tuesday 2nd February and Wednesday 3rd February
- Students in 11Y1, 11Y2, 11Y3 will be assessed on Monday 8th February and Tuesday 9th February

It is critical that all students attend for these science assessments, which count towards their final GCSE grades in science.

The second controlled assessment will be carried out on a single day, 22nd February which would normally be a staff training day at Ipswich Academy. It is important that students prepare well and approach these tasks with strong positive intent as they each account for 25% of each of their GCSE's. Students have and are being prepared for these assessments through work in school, study at the recent Year 11 Boot Camp and through their Christmas homework. I hope that this has and will give students increased confidence when tackling the tasks ahead of them.

Could I take this opportunity of reminding you of the continuing support the Science Faculty is providing to support student understanding and learning. Revision sessions are being held throughout the week.

The sessions are as follows:

Monday 2:50 pm - 4:00 pm	Science workshops	For all students
Tuesday 7:40 am - 8:30 am	Science for Breakfast	Open to all students, but limited places
Thursday 7:40 am – 8:30 am	Science for Breakfast	Open to all students, but limited places



Students are strongly recommended to attend the relevant sessions weekly.

At the Monday science workshops, which are now being supported by the Institute of Physics, students are given a choice of attending two thirty-minute revision sessions focused on Core Science. They may choose their sessions from Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Some students have also found technology apps useful for revision, such as the Memrise app. BBC Bitesize has been helpful to other students. Both are free and match Edexcel science courses.

Students have been reminded that they should now be intensively revising, in addition to any homework that they may be set. If they are to reach their potential this independent study is demanding but essential. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the contents of this letter, especially if you think that we can help in supporting you in encouraging the revision process outside school.

We look forward to working with you in supporting excellence in learning.

Yours faithfully

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