

11 February 2016

Dear parent/carer

Y11 – science controlled assessment – Monday 22 February

The academy is closed to the majority of students on Monday 22 February. This is so that we can focus all of our efforts on supporting the Y11 students in their science controlled assessment.

All Y11 students must attend the academy on Monday 22 February.

Students should **arrive by 9:40am**, and enter via the Senior Year Study Zone (SYSZ), where they will be registered and briefed. The formal examination will begin at 10:00am. We expect to finish the assessments by around 3:15pm.

Students are not required to wear uniform but should dress appropriately, in a manner which is safe for working in laboratories. Students deemed to be wearing inappropriate clothing – including clothing with explicit slogans – will be required to return home and change.

Lunch will be provided for all students, **free of charge**. Students will share lunch alongside staff – we are committed to working in partnership with your children.

Students who do not complete their science controlled assessment are highly unlikely to achieve a GCSE science pass in the summer. I cannot emphasise enough how critical Monday 22 February will be in determining your child's final science GCSE results. Students need to attend the academy with a calm, focused and determined mindset – ready to demonstrate that they are deserving of the very highest grades.

Many thanks for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

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