

Headteacher: Mr D. Whales | Chair of Governors: Mr A. Brown

30th September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Year 10P+1 Science Examinations

I am writing to inform you about the science examinations that your son/daughter will be taking during the next two academic years.

To maximise their chances of achieving the best possible outcomes, students in the Year 10P+1 group will sit their **GCSE Biology** examinations in **May and June 2027**, during Year 10, and their **GCSE Physics** examinations in **May and June 2028**, during Year 11. This approach will enable students to achieve **two separate GCSE qualifications in science subjects**.

We have adopted this model because it allows students to focus on one science subject at a time. By reducing the amount of content they need to prepare for simultaneously and spreading examinations across two years, we believe students are better able to manage their workload, reduce stress and anxiety, and ultimately achieve greater success.

This year, students will sit **Biology Paper 1 mock examinations in January** and **Biology Paper 2 mock examinations in March**. These assessments will give students valuable experience of examination conditions and provide us with an indication of their current progress ahead of their GCSE Biology examinations in the summer term.

A similar programme of mock examinations and final assessments will then be followed for GCSE Physics during Year 11.

If you have any questions or would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the Academy.

Yours sincerely,



Mr B Delve
Head of Science Faculty