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TO PARENTS/CARERS OF Y11 STUDENTS

Dear parents/Carers

Double Science students will be taking their GCSE Additional Science examinations this summer. Triple Science students will be taking papers for their separate Biology, Chemistry and Physics qualifications.

It is important that your son or daughter uses some of their Easter holiday to revise the work covered during Year 11. We'd like to make some suggestions for revision:

- The AQA endorsed textbooks supplied by the school are thorough and contain lots of practice examination questions
- The revision guides published by CGP are very clear and concise. They are relatively inexpensive and are available from the CGP website. Please make sure you buy the AQA versions; for Additional Science there are different books for Higher and Foundation students.
- The BBC's GCSE Bitesize website contains a section devoted to AQA Additional Science and Triple Sciences and is an excellent summary of the basics.
- The AQA website has past papers and mark schemes. Please ignore references to "New Sciences" or "Sciences 2011": your son or daughter is sitting the older specification. Once on the relevant subject page, they should click on the tab marked "Key Materials" for past papers.

Whichever resources are chosen, we recommend that your son or daughter revises in an active way by making notes, constructing summaries and answering questions. This will be much more effective than simply reading the material.

We very much want our students to be well organised and to allocate their time effectively over the holidays. Of course, we want them to revise thoroughly but we also hope they find time to relax and refresh themselves ahead of a busy Summer Term.

Yours sincerely

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