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Dear Parent

Science GCSE Examinations

We are now entering the final stages in preparing students for their Science GCSE examinations. I am writing to inform you of some important details regarding tier of entry.

The AQA higher tier Combined Science paper will be graded from a 9-9 to a 4-4. The foundation tier Combined Science paper will be graded from a 5-5 to a 1-1. Ofqual have released a statement that the 3-3 'safety net' grade awarded on the higher paper in summer 2018 will not be awarded in summer 2019. Therefore we need to be confident that a student will achieve a 5-5 or above in order to enter them for the higher tier paper.

As such, students need to achieve a minimum grade of a 5-4 on the Paper 2 PPE examinations which will take place after February half term in order to be entered for the higher tier summer exam.

All students taking separate science GCSE's (triple science) will sit the higher tier paper.

You can find more information about the 9-1 grading system here:

<https://ofqual.blog.gov.uk/2018/03/02/gcse-9-to-1-grades-a-brief-guide-for-parents/>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

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