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From January 2010 after consultation with parents, pupils will be entered for either Separate Sciences or Core Science plus Additional Science.

The Separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry and Physics) will only be available to our more able scientists as they need to complete an extra GCSE's worth of work. This is not an easy option. This should be the preferred option for any student wishing to continue with further studies in Science or Maths. Other students will be entered for two GCSEs.

No decision will be made until the results of the first module test have been analysed. All pupils will sit their first GCSE test in March 2010.

Separate Science pupils are expected to be self-motivated, should review their work nightly and expect between one and three hours homework per week. The subjects are examined by two 30 minute multiple choice exams (25%) which take place in March, June and November of years 9 and 10. There are two 45 minute written papers in year 11 (25% each). During the course pupils will complete an Independent Skills Assessment (ISA) which is a practically based exam (worth 25% of total).

Example B1a, B1b, B2, B3, B.ISA = Biology GCSE

Core and Additional Science covers two thirds of the above and still gives access to the higher grades (A* - C). This allows full coverage of the curriculum but reduces the pressure placed on pupils.

We have an excellent pass rate for both Separate, Core and Additional Science as we consider learning is a partnership and expect everyone to work hard.

All pupils have six lessons per week.

Courses are reviewed regularly and we may offer other courses or combinations in Y11 if we feel these will benefit pupils more.

