

March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

At the Subject Evening, you will have discussed your child's Science GCSE Course Options with their teacher. The Science Department is offering three courses. Each of these courses is outlined below and the course your child has been allocated to has been indicated. Should you have any concerns or queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

At Wood Green School we deliver the OCR Twenty First Century Science Syllabus. Each of the three GCSE options has a different focus, depending on the students' anticipated needs. Details of the three options are below:

Course	Who takes it?	Route to AS/A levels?	How many GCSEs worth?
Option 1: Core GCSE + Additional Applied GCSE	A select group of students more interested in Science at a vocational level who achieve better in teacher-led coursework. Most entered at foundation level.	NO	2
Option 2: Core + Additional GCSE	All abilities who tend to achieve in literacy-based exams. Both foundation & higher level.	YES	2
Option 3: Triple GCSE	Level 6b+ students at KS3. Higher level only	YES	3

We currently have placed your child in a class to study Option 3: Triple Science. The course consists of GCSEs in each of the separate disciplines; Biology, Chemistry and Physics. It is only available as a three GCSE package and students must study all three sciences. The course is for students who consistently achieve a level 6b or above at the end of Key Stage 3; it has also been found that students with a consistent level 7 are the most successful. Your child is currently working at that level and has also shown a strong interest in science, potentially wishing to pursue further study in science at A-level.

Triple Science contains all the modules from Option 2 with three large extra modules in Biology, Chemistry and Physics at the end of the course. Each GCSE will involve three examinations worth 75% and a unit of coursework worth 25%. It will be examined at higher level only. Triple Science is newly offered as an option subject, to allow time for the depth of study required. It is only suitable for students who have the ability, motivation and strong interest to tackle the workload.

I hope this letter has answered any questions you might have about your child's Science course for next year. Any further queries can be discussed between your child and their teacher. If not, please feel free to contact me at school using the attached reply slip.

Yours faithfully,



Mr G Davies
Acting Head of Science

Please complete and return this slip to the Science Department by Friday 17th April, 2015

Student _____

The student's science teachers recommend that next year they would be most suited to study:

Option 3: Triple Science

After discussion with our child it is our wish that he/she studies (please circle)

Option 1: Core and Additional Applied GCSE

Option 2: Core and Additional Science

Option 3: Triple Science

for his/her GCSE Science course next year.

Signed _____ Date _____