

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 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:

<b>Course</b>	<b>Who takes it?</b>	<b>Route to AS/A levels?</b>	<b>How many GCSEs worth?</b>
<b>Option 1: Core GCSE + Additional Applied GCSE</b>	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
<b>Option 2: Core + Additional GCSE</b>	All abilities who tend to achieve in literacy-based exams. Both foundation & higher level.	YES	2
<b>Option 3: Triple GCSE</b>	Level 6b+ students at KS3. Higher level only	YES	3

**We currently have your child in a class to study Option 2: Core and Additional.** This course is suitable for students who wish to continue studying science in a more academic, concept led way with modules that cover the traditional areas of forces, waves, electricity, chemical reactions and bonding, genetics and the human body. The course is comprised of 3 Core and 3 Additional module examinations worth 75% and two units of controlled assessment coursework worth 25%.

Wood Green School, in line with other local schools, will not accept students onto AS level Science courses with option 1: GCSE Core and Additional Applied Science. We require B grades or better in the Core and Additional or Triple Science options. If your child is uncertain about their choices for sixth form and is likely to achieve at least a C grade, it is best to keep their options open with the Core and Additional Option 2. Students are not in any way disadvantaged at sixth form or indeed university level by choosing this.

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

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**Please complete and return this slip to the Science Department by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2015**

Student \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Option 2: Core & Additional 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 \_\_\_\_\_