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Additional Practice Science Exam Friday 29th April

Dear Parent/Carer,

The real GCSE exams start on **Monday 16th May** which is **only two full school weeks away**. The first **GCSE Biology exam is on Tuesday 17th May**.

The Mock Exams that students sat in March were designed to assess the material that the exam boards had told us they would be assessing in the summer when they released the advanced material to schools. Since the Mock Exams, our Science teachers have been delivering lessons which have been plugging any gaps that were identified when students sat the exams in March.

From this week onwards, the majority of lesson time will be spent on exam preparation with students answering past exam questions where teachers will then work through key content and model the correct answers. As part of the preparation for the Paper 1 examinations in Biology, Chemistry and Physics students will be sitting a **practice exam paper** during **Period 5 in class on Friday 29th April**. To replicate the real exam students will be sitting in less than four weeks this paper will be of the same duration (1 hour 10 minutes for Trilogy Students and 1hr 45 Minutes for Triple students). **The exam will finish at 3:15pm for Trilogy Students and 3:45 for Triple Students**. In addition to the extra practice students will gain, teachers will be able to mark the papers and identify any existing gaps that can be responded to in lessons in the final two weeks before the real exam.

Many thanks for the role you are playing in encouraging your child to revise. Your son/daughters should now be revising significantly each evening. One of the best forms of revision is answering past examination papers and creating and reviewing summary notes/que cards/knowledge organisers. Please ensure that your son/daughter is active in their revision and revising several subjects each evening to ensure their revision is balanced. Revision lists and resources have been provided to students. Students should spend time revising content for each subject across all topic areas, not just revising topics they are already comfortable with.

It is really important students are aware of what exams they will be sitting each day and that they bring the correct equipment including scientific calculator each day.

Yours faithfully

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