

ABG/ljn
7 September 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians

This year in Science, Year 8 students will have three examined assessment points. Each exam will consist of one 60 minute paper that will be sat in the classroom.

The assessment points will be during the following weeks (the day will be dependent on when your child has Science.)

- Assessment point 1 - Week commencing 21 November 2022
- Assessment point 2 - Week commencing 27 February 2023
- Assessment point 3 - Week commencing 15 May 2023

The results of each exam will be used to inform WAD and to track students' progress throughout the year. We encourage students to prepare properly for these exams by trialling different revision techniques and using all of the resources that are available to them. It is important that students get into good revision habits in order to fully prepare them for the GCSE course next year. Students who take a little and often approach to exam preparation where they practice recalling and using key ideas do better than those who prepare by re-reading notes the night before the exam.

We encourage students to use revision guides, their exercise books and a range of different websites. If your child did not buy a revision guide in Year 7, the KS3 revision guide is available to purchase in school. A revision order form is attached to this letter, this needs to be taken to finance with the appropriate money (if your child is Pupil Premium then they are entitled to a free revision guide). If you purchased this last year, then there is no need to get a new one.

Useful websites include:

- Kerboodle - this is a subscription that we as a school have, and allows students to access the textbook used in class as well as extra resources. All students have their own username and password for this and the institution code is zt5. Students need to speak to their teachers if they are unsure of their log in.
- Seneca Learning - students need to set up their own account and search for KS3 science.
- BBC Bitesize - students can revise and complete small tests.

Extra revision resources will also be uploaded on your child's Google Classroom nearer to the exam.

Students also have access to a 'Year 8 Science Google Classroom' which contains revision material to allow them to continually practise their weak areas. They need to accept the invitation to join this class via the email that has been sent to them.

For further information on the Science curriculum, please refer to pages 58-59 of the Year 8 parent handbook.

If there are any queries, students should speak to their classroom teachers in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Dr A Griscti-Perry
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SCIENCE ORDER FORM – KS3

NAME TUTOR

ITEM	COST EACH	NUMBER REQUIRED	TOTAL £
KS3 Science Revision Guide – Higher	£2.60		
KS3 Science Revision Guide – Foundation	£2.60		
KS3 Science Workbook	£5.50		
Essential Maths Skills for Secondary Science	£3.00		
TOTAL PAID			£

<u>For Office Use Only</u>	<u>Finance Signature:</u>	Cheque <input type="checkbox"/>
Amount Paid £	Cash <input type="checkbox"/>
Date:		

Please take the whole form, with both halves completed, and the exact money to the Finance Office at **Break time and Lunch time only**. Books to be collected from the Science Workroom (between 910 and 911), only after payment has been made. Cheques payable to Wildern School.

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