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Dear Parent/Guardian,

We welcome your child to Year 9 and want to make sure that you are able to help them to succeed this year in Science, by sharing some key dates and information with you. This year your child will have three examined assessment points. Assessment point 1 and 2 will consist of one 45-50 minute paper that will be sat in the classroom. Assessment point 3 will be sat during Year 9 Exams Week and will consist of one 60 minute paper. Additional clarification on the content of each assessment paper will be found on google classroom prior to the assessment.

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 7th October 2024
- Assessment point 2 - Week commencing 6th January 2025
- Assessment point 3 (Year 9 exams week) - Week commencing 28th April 2025

After each assessment point, please ask your child to share their results with you and encourage them to discuss their strengths and areas for development.

At the end of Year 9, your child's science teacher will decide on the most suitable science course for your child to study during Years 10 and 11; either the Combined Science Course or the Separate Science course. Effort, behaviour for learning and progress will be key factors in this decision making process.

We encourage students to prepare properly for these exams by trialling different revision techniques and using all of the resources that are available. It is important that students get into good revision habits in order to fully prepare them for their GCSEs. Students can use their exercise books, keyword lists and a range of different websites.

For further information about how your child can prepare and where they can find useful revision resources, please refer to the [Science Website](#), under the 'Parent Information' tab. Also be sure to check the Wildern Weekly for any further updates throughout the year. If there are any queries, students should speak to their classroom teacher in the first instance.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr G Berreen**

Assistant Director of Learning – Science

