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Dear Student and Parents/Guardians

### Year 11 Science Pathways

Throughout the summer I have been thinking of the best way to help Year 11 succeed this year in Science and on their chosen pathways in the future. With the considerable disruption caused by COVID and intermittent lockdowns/isolations it is my recommendation that students sit only Combined Science GCSE. This would still mean Biology, Chemistry and Physics but the students would gain 2 GCSEs instead of 3. It is my feeling that the time it would take to teach and embed the triple science curriculum would be better spent consolidating students' knowledge and working on exam technique that can be applied to all their GCSEs. This idea was put to parents during the Year 11 Information evening and the students the subsequent day and many students agreed that it was a good idea.

I want to reassure you that the Combined Science pathway does not prevent students from accessing A Level courses in Science or limit them at degree level if they choose to follow this route.

For those that wish to continue with the Triple science course I will be teaching an extra lesson every Tuesday 3:15pm until 4:15pm. There will also be an expectation that students are doing additional study in their own time to consolidate their learning and ensure they are fully prepared for the examinations.

Students are able to sign up to this class using the sign-up sheet outside of my laboratory in the Year 11 pigeon hole. The Tuesday sessions will begin on the **21<sup>st</sup> of September 2021**.

If you have any further questions please do email [k.hardman@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:k.hardman@maidenerleghtrust.org)

Kind regards

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