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Dear Parent/Guardian

GCSE Science Test Papers and Revision

I am writing to inform you of the science plans for the current Year 10, soon to be Year 11.

In science it is our recommendation that the most effective revision takes place little and often - I recommend a maximum of 30 minutes per day but 10 minutes a day is preferable.

In order to understand where individual students have gaps in their knowledge and to better help them in year 11, I am sending year 10 students home this week with 3 tests – one in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. These tests should be completed in test conditions, as far as possible, and students should spend no more than an hour on each test.

Students have the option to complete the tests and hand them back to me for marking before the end of term, or complete the tests during the summer holiday and bring them in on the first day of the Autumn term (4 September).

If I receive the exams back before the end of term, I will be able to point students in the right direction in terms of a small amount of revision and catch up during the summer holidays. This will be via ezyeducation - a digital science learning platform that students have free access to until the end of September. I will not be marking the work on ezyeducation - it is all computer marked and self-checked.

I have discussed these plans with the students, so they are aware of the options available to them. I have also informed the students of the importance of taking a holiday and relaxing - I do not recommend that students keep the same working hours during the summer holidays as they have been keeping during school term time.

I do hope this reassures parents, and students alike, that the gaps in learning that students may have developed, will be filled in effectively and in the best interests of student's health and well-being. I would like to finish this letter by thanking you for working with us as a science department and I do hope we can work together next year to ensure all our current year 10 students achieve the grades they need to pursue their dreams and aspirations.

More information about the ezyeducation website can be found here:

<https://www.ezyeducation.co.uk/ezyeducation.html>

Students will be provided with login details and passwords on google classroom by myself.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Science