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Dear Parent/Carer

## Year 10 GCSE Science Examination Entries 2018/2019

Thank you for your patience and support during the Options Process. We are always aiming to improve our provision for our students at QEGS and, as a result, have reviewed our Science provision for prospective GCSE students.

In Year 9 students have been studying three sciences in separate lessons: Physics, Chemistry and Biology. The decision we must now take is, which examination route will result in the best possible grades for each student. The main decision we must make is whether a student will target 2 or 3 GCSEs in Science.

- 2 GCSEs can be achieved through being examined and achieving in achieving the Trilogy. All three sciences of Physics, Chemistry and Biology are studied and examined. It is simply sitting exams for less time and studying slightly less content to achieve 2 GCSEs as opposed to 3 GCSEs.
- 3 GCSEs can be achieved through being examined and achieving in Physics, Chemistry and Biology.

The table below outlines the details for each examination route:

Course	Examinations	Post-16 progression
Trilogy 2 GCSE qualifications	6 x 75 minute papers <i>150 minutes for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics</i>	Grade 7 and above in both Trilogy qualifications= A Level study in Physics, Chemistry and/or Biology. Grade 4 or above in both Trilogy qualifications= BTEC Science study
"Triple" Science 3 GCSE qualifications	6 x 105 minute papers <i>210 minutes for each of Biology, Chemistry and Physics</i>	Grade 7 in any of the 3 sciences = A Level study in the respective subject. Grade 4 or above in any of the 3 sciences = BTEC Science study

Students will require a grade 7 in GCSE Maths to be able to progress their study of Science via either route.

The reason we will have to make the decision prior to your child starting year 10 is due to the timetabling of triple science and trilogy science.

If your child chooses (and this is supported by teaching staff) to study triple science (3 GCSEs) they will have 14 hours curriculum time. To accommodate this time, 4 hours of science will be timetabled in the enrichment block meaning that they are making the choice to study triple science rather than an enrichment or extra qualification. Your child may have chosen to study an extra qualification in the enrichment block and this will now need to be reviewed to decide if they would rather opt to do triple science. The enrichment options will open towards the end of the week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018 for students to make this choice.

If you require further clarification of these details or you wish to discuss the 2 or 3 GCSE route, there will be a drop in session on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 from 4-5pm** in the main school hall. Miss Ward (Science Specialist and Assistant Headteacher) and I will be present to talk to. Alternatively students can seek advice from their Science teachers.

Yours faithfully

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