

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We understand that preparing for the GCSE exams is a long and difficult process for you and your son / daughter. To support them, the science department have put together some exam support that will run throughout the year, highlighting weak areas and supporting them to improve. This includes:

- **Available now:** A general guide to revising for the science GCSEs. This provides some useful strategies and weblinks to get started with revising.
- **Available now:** Mind the Gap intervention: It is possible that your child will have received an invitation to attend a fortnightly support session focusing on core exam skills. If not, this is an open session and others can join.
- **Throughout the year:** Revision homework. Delivered through Sparx Science, this outstanding resource assesses your child's level and adapts as they learn, ensuring that they are always receiving the best level of support. A high engagement in this along with 100% completion will be crucial to their success.
- **From November:** A guide to supporting the writing of 6-mark answers in exams, traditionally the weakest area for most students, and the place where most lost ground can be gained. These will be used in a variety of ways, in college and out, but should be used at home as part of your son/daughter's general revision.
- **From November:** A link will be provided to a collection of all past papers, organised by topic to give extra opportunity for exam practice. Exam practice has the single biggest impact on exam success.
- **During December's Progress Evening:** You will be provided with a detailed guide to revising, a revision schedule to get prepared for the summer exams, a breakdown of the topics studied throughout the two years, and a guide to using your flashcards.

You can access all the documents are on the [TPA website\Learn-with-us\Year-11\Science-revision-resources](#)

Remember, the more you can support your son/daughter with their revision, the greater their success! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at david.ansley@tpa.tsatrust.org.uk

Kind regards,
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