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Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to inform you about the upcoming Year 9 Science mid-year assessments, which will begin during the week commencing **Monday 11th January 2027**.

As your child is currently in our **Aspire Science set**, these assessments are particularly important. The results will be used to determine whether students remain in the Aspire set or move into a mixed-ability Science class. We therefore strongly encourage all students to prepare thoroughly and demonstrate their full potential.

Assessment Information

Students will complete one **60-minute Science assessment**, consisting of:

- **Biology:** 20 minutes
- **Chemistry:** 20 minutes
- **Physics:** 20 minutes
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The assessment will cover the following topics:

- **8.09:** Nutrition and Digestion
- **8.10:** Space
- **9.01:** Cellular Respiration
- **9.02:** Magnetic Fields and Electromagnets
- **9.03:** Atoms and Elements
- **9.04:** Waves

Please note that **any topic from Year 7 or Year 8 could also be assessed**, so students should revisit prior learning as part of their revision.

A detailed examination timetable will be emailed home shortly.

How Can Students Prepare?

We recommend that students use three key revision strategies:

1. **Knowledge Organisers and Blank Page Retrieval:** Students should use the Knowledge Organisers available on the school website, working through one small section at a time. They should read the information, close the organiser and write down everything they can remember on a blank page, before checking and correcting their work.

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2. **Core Knowledge Questions:** Students should regularly test themselves using the core knowledge question banks in the attached revision guide. They should cover the answers, attempt each question independently and revisit anything they get wrong.
3. **Noticed:** Students can access app.noticedtechnology.com to revisit lessons they have found challenging. In Resources → Science, they should select a topic and lesson, then open its Interactive worksheet.

Detailed instructions on all three revision methods, the available core knowledge question banks and screenshots showing how to use Noticed can be accessed here.

Please note: The revision guide does not currently include core knowledge questions for Nutrition and Digestion and only includes selected questions for Space. Both topics remain examinable in full, so students should also use their Knowledge Organisers and Noticed to revise them.

Supporting Your Child

Please encourage your child to revise early and complete short, focused sessions. Testing them using the core knowledge questions is an effective way to support their preparation at home.

We have high expectations of our Year 9 Aspire students and want everyone to demonstrate their full potential through effective preparation.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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