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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**.

These assessments are an important opportunity for students to demonstrate their scientific knowledge, understanding and progress so far this academic year. The results will help us identify areas of strength and any gaps in learning that require further support. They will also help inform future teaching and decisions about class groupings, including opportunities for students to move into the Aspire Science set.

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

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.

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

We would greatly appreciate your support in encouraging your child to begin revising early, complete regular, focused sessions and use the core knowledge questions to test their understanding at home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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