



24th September 2013

Dear Parent/Carer,

Year 9 Science Information Evening - 17th October 2013

Following on from my Parent Mail letter sent out in July, I would like to invite you to a Science information evening on Thursday 17th October from 6:30 to 7:30pm. During the evening we will outline the 3 different routes through that we have for Science at Key Stage 4 (KS4) and how it affects your son/daughter.

In Science, all year 9 students will now start their KS4 work in January 2014, following the end of KS3 Science tests in December. We aim to determine the most appropriate route through for each student based on these assessments as well as their performance in lessons, work ethic, teacher feedback and performance during years 7 and 8. We will endeavour to determine the route through which will allow each student to succeed and therefore keeping as many possible future opportunities open to them.

The evening consists of a short presentation followed by a question and answer session. There will then be an opportunity to discuss any specific concerns with a member of the Science team. Textbooks and other course materials will be available for you to browse. The topics covered will include:

- An outline of the 3 different routes through
- The structure of the different routes through
- The move to linear examinations
- What controlled assessments are and how parents can help
- The rationale for determining the most suitable route through for each student

Our current year 9 students will only be the 2nd group to study using the new structure, so the structure maybe new to many parents who may have already been through Key Stage 4 with another student. We hope that at the end of the evening you will be clear on the different routes through, when and how the students will be assessed and how the controlled assessment/portfolio element works. Students are welcome to accompany parents if you wish.

Tea and coffee will be available. The meeting will be held in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC).

If you would like to attend, please email LJD@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk with the number of people attending or return the slip below to school.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Pinder

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Science Achievement Leader

Reply Slip for Year 9 Science Information Evening

I would like to attend the Science information evening on Thursday 17th October at 6.30pm.

Name: _____ Form: _____

Number of people attending: _____

Signed: _____ Date _____

Please return the slip to Mrs Davison (Enterprise and Enquiry Directorate) in Middle School
