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AQA Double Science

at

Hinchingbrooke School

Science Sets

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Additional notes

The Year 11 mocks have been completed. The dates of the final examinations have been released and it is vital that all of us work together in supporting you son/daughter in their preparation for the exams.

When your son/daughter receives their entries for their exams there will be a list of codes that they have been entered for. As you son/daughter is following the AQA Science/Additional course (known as Double Science) there will be 5 entries for each GCSE. Of these 5 codes 1 is the course code and the other the coursework. There is no examination required for these in the summer season. There are only three examinations per subject.

The codes are as follows:

AQA Science (4405)

| Code | Explanation | Date of exam |
|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| BL1FP or BL1HP | Unit 1 Foundation or | Friday 6 th June (pm) |
| CH1FP or CH1HP | Unit 1 Foundation or | Tuesday 10 th June (pm) |
| PH1FP or PH1HP | Unit 1 Foundation or | Thursday 12 th June (am) |
| SC4P | Controlled assessment | No exam |

AQA Additional Science (4408)

| Code | Explanation | Date of exam |
|----------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|
| BL2FP or BL2HP | Unit 2 Foundation or | Tuesday 13 th May (am) |
| CH2FP or CH2HP | Unit 2 Foundation or | Thursday 15 th May (am) |
| PH2FP or PH2HP | Unit 2 Foundation or | Monday 19 th May (pm) |
| AS4P | Controlled assessment | No exam |

For each of the GCSEs each examination is worth 25% of the final grade. All students before they leave on study leave would have completed the final 25% of the grade in the form of an ISA (the in school coursework equivalent).

In preparation for the examinations it is vital that the students take all opportunities to revise the content of the examinations and practice applying their knowledge to past papers. Listed below are the website addresses to the specifications, past papers and useful revision sites.

GCSE science specifications:

Science: <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-4405-W-SP-14.PDF>

Additional Science: <http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-SP-14.PDF>

Past papers

Science A

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/science-a-4405/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Additional Science

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse/additional-science-4408/past-papers-and-mark-schemes>

Understanding the command words

This is a link to a useful document provided by AQA which explains the words used in the actual questions and what they are asking for in the examinations

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-GCSE-SCIENCE-COMMAND-WORDS.PDF>

Maximising marks when answering extended questions

One area of the examinations all students can benefit from practicing is the 6 mark long answer questions. Below is a link to a guide on how to answer them:

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-GCSE-SCIENCE-QWC.PDF>

Understanding and using the correct scientific terminology.

<http://filestore.aqa.org.uk/subjects/AQA-GCSE-SCIENCE-GLOSSARY.PDF>

Other useful revision sites:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/gcsebitesize/science/>

- On this website, please find the examination in orange and then select the blue AQA Science and Additional Science Topics

<http://www.s-cool.co.uk>

- On this website, select the GCSE tab and then follow the Biology, chemistry and physics. This site is not specific to AQA but does provide good questions for studying the topics.

In the run up to the examinations the Science department will be running, check-in sessions. These sessions are open to all and are times in which the Science Department are available to discuss work, revise content already met or reaffirm knowledge. The sessions are available afterschool and at lunchtime to make it accessible to all.

In the table below are the sessions already available in department.

| Day | Session | Year group/Topic | Teacher | Classroom |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|---------|-----------|
| Monday | Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm | GCSE Physics | WZH | 96 |
| Monday | Afterschool 3:30-4:30pm | GCSE Triple Chemistry | RSA | 88 |
| Tuesday | Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm | GCSE Physics Unit 1 | STK | 96 |
| Tuesday | Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm | GCSE Physics | WZH | 96 |
| Wednesday | Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm | GCSE Biology | RJM | 96 |
| Wednesday | Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm | GCSE Biology | MSB | 95 |
| Wednesday | Afterschool 3:30-4:30pm | GCSE Chemistry | RSA | 88 |
| Thursday | Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm | GCSE Biology | RCW | 96 |
| Thursday | Lunchtime 1:15pm- 2:00pm | GCSE Physics | WZH | 95 |
| Thursday | Afterschool 3:30-4:30pm | GCSE Chemistry | SER | 96 |

If you have any questions on anything that was discussed during the evening, please do not hesitate to contact either Rhi Alford RSA@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk , Matthew Pinder MIP@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk or Sam Waring SMW@hinchbk.cambs.sch.uk.