

11th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 9 - GCSE Separate Science

As you are currently selecting GCSE options for your child we wanted to inform you of our offer of Separate Sciences at GCSE. After much consideration we have decided to offer separate sciences, sometimes referred to as triple science, as an additional after school option. We believe this gives pupils the best opportunity to be successful in science following the lost learning that has taken place due to the currently global pandemic. Please be assured that even if your child does not follow the separate science pathway this does not prevent them from pursuing A-Levels within the sciences and future careers in science-based positions. All pupils will follow the combined science pathway during the timetabled school day and will have five hours of curriculum time per week. In consultation with the science faculty and for pupils who meet the criteria outlined below they will be able to opt into the separate science weekly timetabled after school lesson where they will be taught the additional content required to take the separate science GCSEs. In order to be selected we expect pupils to:

- Have a positive work ethic
- To be 'working above' in Maths, English and Science
- To be currently engaging in our remote learning provision and regularly submitting quality work
- To have 96% attendance or above

Further information on selecting separate sciences will come out to pupils in the summer term. If this is a pathway your child is keen to pursue it is important that from now till then we are able to see that they are meeting the above criteria.

If you have any further questions please contact Ms O'Reilly via email on l.oreilly@bournville.fmat.co.uk.

Yours faithfully



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