



17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well.

I am writing to inform you that, from **Monday 20th April**, our Year 11 students will be moving into new teaching sets. These groupings have been created based on the level each student is currently working at and are designed to provide targeted support and challenge as students enter the final stage of preparation for their examinations.

Some classes will also have additional teachers in the room to provide further support, and where appropriate, some students may be withdrawn for small group intervention sessions. These sessions will take place when time allows and will focus on specific areas for improvement.

The aim of these changes is to make the very best use of the remaining time, giving students an extra push and the most effective support possible as they work towards their final assessments.

How Parents and Carers Can Support with Edexcel GCSE Science Revision

There are several ways you can support your child as they prepare for their Edexcel Combined Science GCSE exams:

- **Encourage a consistent revision routine** – short, regular sessions are often more effective than last-minute cramming.
- **Support active revision methods** – such as creating flashcards, summarising key topics, answering exam questions, and teaching concepts aloud.
- **Use trusted revision resources**, including:
 - **KayScience** – a website with videos, exam questions and quizzes tailored to GCSE Science: <https://www.kayscience.com>
 - **BBC Bitesize (Edexcel Combined Science)** – topic explanations, quizzes and revision activities: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/zqkww6f>
 - **YouTube revision channels** – many channels provide clear, topic-based revision videos specifically for Edexcel Combined Science, including KayScience, Cognito, and FreeScienceLessons.
- **Encourage use of exam questions** – practising past paper questions helps students apply knowledge and become familiar with the style of exam questions.

Your encouragement and support at home play a significant role in helping students stay motivated and confident as they prepare for their exams.

If you have any questions or would like further support or resources, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Edexcel GCSE Combined Science – Summer 2026 Exam Dates

- **Biology Paper 1** – Tuesday 12 May 2026 (Afternoon)
- **Chemistry Paper 1** – Monday 18 May 2026 (Morning)
- **Physics Paper 1** – Tuesday 2 June 2026 (Morning)
- **Biology Paper 2** – Monday 8 June 2026 (Morning)
- **Chemistry Paper 2** – Friday 12 June 2026 (Morning)
- **Physics Paper 2** – Monday 15 June 2026 (Morning)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Wilhite". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Ashley Wilhite
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