



7th October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to inform you of a recent and unexpected change to the Key Stage 4 Science provision for Year 10 pupils. Following a late directive from the Welsh Government and Qualifications Wales, we have been allowed again to offer the **Triple Science** pathway in the coming years, despite the school year already being underway.

While this change was not initiated by the school, we are committed to ensuring that pupils who would have naturally pursued Triple Science are given the opportunity to do so. However, due to the timing and the increased demands of the course, we have offered this to pupils whom we believe are best placed to manage the additional workload and pace. This decision has been made with the best interests of all pupils in mind.

For those offered Triple Science:

- The course will be delivered within the same time allocation as the Double Award, but we are confident in our ability to cover the necessary content. Much of the material has already been introduced in Year 9, and our teaching team is experienced in delivering the curriculum efficiently and effectively.
- Pupils will study some additional content compared to the Double Award, but this will not be excessive or overwhelming.
- The final exams will be slightly longer (1 hour 45 minutes each, compared to 1 hour 15 minutes for Double Award), reflecting the broader scope of the qualification.

For pupils not offered Triple Science:

- They will continue in the Double Award pathway, which remains a robust and respected qualification.
- Their Science options and other subject choices are unaffected.
- They will sit the same tier of examination papers (ensuring continuity and challenge appropriate to their ability).
- Access to A levels and further education is unaffected.

Looking ahead, we anticipate that next year Triple Science will run in the usual way as previous years, with extra curriculum time allocated from the start of the year.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we adapt to these changes. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's Science pathway, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Yours sincerely

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