

# St Crispin's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move to the midpoint of a new term, we will soon be assessing your son/daughter's progress in Science. Our Year 9 students will be sitting a combined test paper on **the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> November**. This paper will be approximately 50 minutes long and will contain questions on topics that students have been taught since the start of Year 9. Students have been informed both in lessons and by email.

These tests will help us to identify how well our students have progressed in Science since the start of the GCSE course, but most importantly the preparation for this test will help boost long term memory. We will use this data and the data from the previous test to review our current setting. Additionally, following the test we will guide students through the weaknesses on their exam and direct them to follow up activities that will help to develop understanding of these areas.

A range of content will be covered from Biology, Chemistry and Physics, as well as scientific investigation skills. The email sent to students contains the topic titles. It is important that some revision is done in preparation for this assessment, however please do not place undue pressure on your son/daughter. For these tests, **approximately 1.5-2.5 hours of revision** would be appropriate.

To help structure any revision activities at home, here are a range of suggested strategies:

- Use the Personalized Learning Checklists (PLCS) to decide on the areas of understanding requiring improvement.
- Use Doodle or your revision guides to create revision flashcards. Templates have been sent to students. Students should write a short and easy to remember answer to each flashcard on the reverse. Do not aim to complete all of them, use your checklists to identify the most important ones.
- We have also developed mind map templates that students can annotate in much the same way as flash cards, but in a different format that some students may prefer.
- Use the mini quizzes that have been assigned on Doodle to check understanding or complete practice past paper questions which can be found on our Exam bank website and selecting the appropriate topics. Students have been shown how to do this in class.

To better help parents and students, we have made all of our resources available on a website which can be located at [www.tiny.cc/eb2](http://www.tiny.cc/eb2) This will direct students to PLCs, flash cards, mind maps, exam packs and Doodle resources.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact either your child's teacher(s) or myself.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Rose

**Head of Science**

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