



Carleton Community High School

A Specialist Science and Mathematics School



GCSE Science

In year 11 the majority of our students are following the **AQA Additional Science** course leading to their second Science GCSE. The exception is the **separate scientists (11Y1)**.

Most students have completed their first Core Science GCSE. We have identified a cohort of students who will benefit from resitting the course. This only applies to about 25 students only, who have a target grade of C or above and who didn't get a grade C or above in year 10. The remaining students have already achieved a definite grade. The students who are resitting will be EXPECTED to attend revision sessions on Mondays after school, but will also be expected to revise fully at home. **The resits are purely for the benefit of students**, (which is the reason we are here!!) These will not count towards the schools final figures.

Mock exams – November/ December 15

- Additional science students will take one, one hour thirty minutes exam.
- Core resit students will take 2 one hour thirty minutes exams. (paper 1 and paper)
- Separate scientists will take 3 one hour exams. (B2, C2 AND P2)

Plus one sessions will be run before these to help students revise.

For the Additional Science grade, **all students** on the course will sit two 1hr 30mins exams in June 2016. Coursework is an ISA (investigative skills assessment) completed in lesson time between January and February half term. Attendance for these lessons is imperative. The coursework ISA is worth 25% of the final grade. (Most students have already completed 1 piece of ISA coursework for additional science in June 15.)

Dates for your diary are:

- **Core Science exams**
 - Paper 1/ Separate Science Biology paper 1 – Tues 17th May 2016 **(re-sits)**
 - Separate Science Chemistry paper 1 – Thurs 19th May 2016
 - Paper 2/ Separate Science Physics paper 1 – Weds 25th May 2016 **(re-sits)**
- **Additional Science exams**
 - Paper 1/ Separate Science Biology paper 2 and 3 – Fri 10th June 2016
 - Separate Science Chemistry paper 2 and 3 – Weds 15th June 2016
 - Paper 2/ Separate Science Physics paper 2 and 3 – Fri 17th June 2016

Again, it is imperative that students are not absent on the dates of these exams. These exams CANNOT be taken again and if students are absent for 1 exam they will simply get a zero mark for that exam!

Resources

- Revision guides from finance for £4.00, for students, who do not have them already.
- BBC GCSE Bitesize – AQA Core Science.
- Skool.co.uk – interactive lessons students can complete.
- GCSE Pod
- It is vital that parents are involved in the process and join in helping their children to revise!!!!!!
- Parents should be expecting a minimum of 1 hour per week revision for mock exams and from February for final exams.