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Dear Parent/Carer,

As your child is currently working hard in preparation for their mock exams we would like to update you on recent government guidance linked to Physics exams as well as how tiers of entry are decided for Combined Science.

Government guidance for exams

All students will now be provided with the Physics formula sheet, both for these mock exams and their actual GCSE exams in the summer for their Physics papers. Although students will have access to this sheet during the exams, we strongly recommend that they practice using it ahead of time. This will help them become confident in selecting the correct formulae and rearranging them for different types of questions.

How tiering for Combined Science is decided

As we discussed during the Year 11 Parent Information Evening, students who are aiming to sit the Higher Tier paper in Combined Science will need to demonstrate the ability to achieve a grade 5-5 or above on either the Higher or Foundation tier paper. They should also consistently achieve this level in their class assessments.

For students who achieve a 5-4 we will look at their in-class assessments as well as grades of all of their individual mock papers to inform the tier of entry. If they can demonstrate they are working at or above a grade 5-5 consistently they will be considered for entry to the higher tier. The final decision for this will be made and communicated by February half term.

For students who achieve grade 4-4 or below they will be entered the foundation tier.

After the mock exams, when students receive both their grades and professional predictions, we will confirm whether they will be entered for the Higher or Foundation Tier for their Combined Science GCSE.

Thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,
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