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Dear Families,

### **GCSE Science Allocation – September 2023**

Today your child has received their GCSE Science allocation through their mysandstorm email address. Students have been allocated to either the Triple Science pathway or the Combined Science pathway and will start following these pathways from September 2023. This decision has been made based on their GCSE data to date as well as their teacher's comments on their effort and aptitude for the course.

On both pathways, students will have six hours of science lessons per week and will study Biology, Chemistry and Physics topics. Those studying Triple Science will be required to study some of these topics in additional depth and so will be assessed by exams of a longer duration. This results in those following the Triple Science pathway achieving three separate GCSE grades, whilst those following the Combined Science pathway will be awarded two GCSE grades. Both pathways allow students to go on to study A levels in any of the three Sciences, subject to students meeting the grades required.

Please note that the Year 10 Science sets are mixed attainment within both the triple and combined pathways. We believe that this will lead to the best learning experience and outcomes for all students. This move is supported by both educational research and the success of the mixed set model we currently use in both KS3 Science and KS4 English.

Yours sincerely,

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Director of learning: Science

