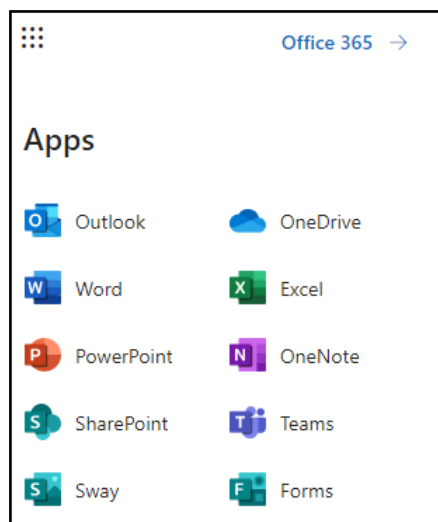


20 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

Your child's Y11 November GCSE Mock assessments are taking place **from 5th November**. The exact date of the assessment will follow in the mock timetable, however, we wanted to let you know of the resources we have to support our students in Science.

The assessments will involve **three Paper 1** exams (1hr 15 min each for Combined Science, 1hr 45 min for Separate Sciences), covering the three sciences: Biology, Chemistry, Physics. Therefore, it **does not** follow our usual format with knowledge questions as this is an AQA past paper (examples are on SharePoint)



The Science SharePoint site is obtained through their Microsoft365 account, which has a suite of Microsoft Office applications online (such as that seen on the left when logged in).

Students can search for 'Science' while in SharePoint and then 'follow' the Science KS4 site so it is added to their favourites.

Here it is possible to access digital copies of the school science textbooks, look at a large bank of past paper questions by topic, download AQA past papers, find revision resources for download through the self-revising section to name a few.

I have also attached a document which has listed a 'Science Paper 1' revision guide. Please select the correct one either Separate Sciences, Combined Science Foundation or Combined Sciences Higher. In order to use the links, your child will need to be logged into Microsoft 365.

It is possible to also download the MS SharePoint app for free to use on a phone via the Android or Apple store.



Scan here for Android phones



Scan here for Apple phones

Yours faithfully

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How do I prepare for my assessment?

Dates

When is the test date?

Work backwards and plan in revision sessions at home with a timetable

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Do I know what I'm being tested on?

Look at Bromcom details and the letter home to parents to ensure you know exactly what modules you are going to be tested on

Revision

How can I best revise?

The KS4 Science Sharepoint site can give you lots of resources, but you can't just learn off a computer, you need to make resources e.g. mind maps.

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Test Yourself

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Practice makes perfect!

Practice exam questions you may get in your exam, KS4 Science Sharepoint has a huge bank here.

<https://downlandscommunityschool.sharepoint.com/sites/ScienceDepartment-Test>