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Dear Parents/Guardian

### **Year 9 Science Results Progress**

We are writing to you to inform you about the progress of the Year 9 assessments in science. Our work on these is nearing completion, but there are a few students who still have to complete the assessments. However, we have completed the moderation process of our marking in order to ensure that the grades given are robust.

Currently all students are studying AQA combined science, which is a rigorous course that gives them a sound grounding in science and a good preparation for the sciences at A'level and beyond. As in previous years we will be offering some students, who have shown that they would be able to maintain high standards in science while studying the extended curriculum of the single sciences, the opportunity to enter GCSEs in biology, chemistry and physics. The final decision on the two groups (one in each year half) is, for the reasons mentioned above, yet to be completed, but we hope to be able to do this before the end of June. In previous years we have expected students to attain at least a 5L in the assessments to be able to follow the single sciences curriculum. Last year, on one year half, the grade was a 5M. We will be applying a similar standard this year.

By the end of June we will contact the parents of those students who are being offered the opportunity to study GCSEs in biology, chemistry and physics, if you do not hear from us then your child will continue to study AQA combined science.

We hope that you find this information useful. If you would like further information about the sciences at GCSE please go to this page on the science website. The website also has a host of other useful information, resources and links.

<https://sites.google.com/maidenerleghschools.co.uk/maidenerleghtrust/the-sciences-at-gcse/the-sciences-at-gcse-an-explanation-for-parents>

Yours sincerely



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