

Our Ref: EAr/SRc

18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Dear Parent / Carer

**Re: GCSE Science**

I am writing to inform you about the Science course your child is currently studying at the Marvell College. At Christmas, we will finish teaching the Key Stage 3 curriculum and will start teaching GCSE Science from the New Year. We made the decision to start the GCSE course in Year 9 to allow for maximum teaching time before the exams at the end of Year 11.

Your child has had an assembly on this, and is aware of the importance of each and every Science lesson. They will also be given a GCSE Science revision guide, which has all of the topics they will be taught between now and Year 11.

Your child will be set weekly homework from their Science teachers, supported by relevant reading pages from the revision guide. It is important that your child uses this resource to help them complete their homework and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the topics they are being taught.

We have also decided to reset some students in Year 9 based on their performance at the end of Key stage 3. This is to ensure your child is placed into a suitable GCSE class, which is set for their ability. Currently sets 1 and 2 cover the higher tier content, and sets 3-6 study the foundation tier content. At the end of each academic year we will review the test data to ensure your child is in the correct set.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'EAr', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Miss Archer  
Head of Science