



ST EDWARD'S
OXFORD

10th December 2009

Dear Fourth Form Parents,

GCSE SCIENCE 2010

Over the past few months we have looked carefully at how to help our pupils realise their full potential in their Science GCSE. As a result, we have decided to have our current Fourth Form pupils sit the Science units (AQA Science B 4462) in June 2010. The details are:

June 2010 : Science B 4462 (written)

Wednesday 9th pm; 45 min. Biology

Wednesday 16th am; 45 min. Chemistry

Thursday 24th pm; 45 min. Physics

These papers will also be available in June 2011 if a student does not perform to their potential in June 2010. The Additional Science papers (AQA Additional Science 4463) will only be taken in May/June 2011) as in previous years.

Students will be guided by teachers in preparation for the June 2010 Science units. We think that allowing pupils to sit this exam early will help them to achieve the best possible result for two reasons: firstly, pupils who perform well in June 2010 will be able to focus on the Additional Science papers in May/June 2011, and already have a strong result in the bank, so to speak. Secondly, pupils who do not perform well in June 2010 will have the chance to re-sit the exam in June 2011, and will benefit from the opportunity to take the exam twice.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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