



Moorside High School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope you have had a relaxing summer and that your child is looking forward to their final year with us at Moorside High School.

As we move into the new academic year, we have carefully considered how we meet the needs of all our learners in science and maintain high levels of aspiration for each of our students. The tier which students will eventually take in the GCSE examinations in science plays a huge part in this. The set which students are in is a key to students being prepared for the final exam in the correct tier.

Students who sit the foundation tier will cover less concepts but spend more time developing mastery of the ideas and the students who sit the higher tier will learn more concepts, in varying levels of depth. So far students have been streamed into sets based upon prior attainment.

It is now important that we also consider the tier that students will be working towards when sitting papers at the end of the year when setting. Using students' work, the information from the three tests taken this year and teacher judgement, we have carefully re-evaluated students' sets so that we can meet their needs more acutely.

As a result, your child will be changing sets at the start of year 11 so that we can tailor the speed of the learning to their needs. An overview of each of the sets and how they cater for tiers is in the table below.

We have spent a long time considering these changes and are excited to be able to further tailor the learning in these groups to meet the needs of your child.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further questions or queries.

Yours faithfully
Mr Deva
Director of Science

Set code	Description of how learning is tailored to tier
11xScA	Higher tier learning only – many concepts covered, high depth on all.
11xScR	Higher tier learning but catering for a small number of foundation students, more practice on some ideas with quicker less in-depth practice on other ideas
11xScE	Foundation tier learning only – Less concepts covered, with more in-depth practice
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