



Moorside
High School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

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Dear Parent or Carer,

In preparation for moving on to GCSE content and moving into Year 10 we will be moving some students between classes in the Year 9 Y band. Our KS3 classes are mixed ability. Over time, due to several factors, the classes have become unbalanced in terms of pupil numbers and abilities. To ensure that all students have an equal experience in science and an equal footing for moving into Year 10 we have analysed the classes and moved some students between the groups to rebalance the numbers and abilities. The classes will remain mixed ability groups. I have also consulted teachers to ensure that the pupil groupings are conducive to great learning environments and consulted Mrs Kirk regarding any pastoral issues.

Year 9 have started on the third year of the Consilium aligned Science Curriculum. This is an exciting, carefully sequenced curriculum which will build on prior knowledge and move students through foundation concepts all the way through to more complex abstract principals. It also breaks down the content so that students are well prepared for the GCSE examinations.

Over the next 3 half terms Year 9 will study the following units:

- Cell Biology
- Inheritance and genome
- Interdependence and classification
- Atomic structure and periodic table
- Bonding
- Energy of moving particles
- Measuring and calculating motion

If you have any questions or queries do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail or telephone.

Yours faithfully

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