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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Science Faculty Assessment (2020-2021)**

In this current climate we have reviewed and changed the way we are assessing students' progress in Science. All end of topic assessments will be completed online using the Educake platform. They will consist of short answer questions, each test is between 20 and 30 minutes, marked online and reviewed by the students. Teachers will then comment and suggest targets. Here is the link for the site (ask your child to show you the site) <https://www.educake.co.uk/>

All students have been given their usernames and passwords and have access to the site, we are setting the tests for homework. If students do not complete the test in the allocated window they will score a 0 and as we will be using these tests to inform us of not only progress but our setting in science as well.

After each assessment students are asked to reflect on their performance and make improvement targets. We would encourage students to use educake for independent study and revision. For each student the site will set individual questions on areas they did not do so well on in past tests, as well as make individual new tests for work covered in previous years. There is also a section on revision, providing slides on key concepts.

If there is an issue at home with accessing a device or internet provision please let us know as we can make arrangements for the tests to be taken at lunch time. However, there is an app that can also be used to access the site using a smartphone.

Additionally we will still be setting a more traditional written assessment at the end of each term, for all groups. We would appreciate your support in ensuring students complete all online tests.

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch.

Yours faithfully

**Ms J Gilmore**  
Head of Science