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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 11 Science 11X4 GCSE Pathway**

You received a letter last year detailing the course your child will be following in Science. All three sciences are being taught but only two science subjects will be examined. Your child already has a qualification in Physics and in 2022, they will be examined in Biology.

Progress through Key Stage 3 Science suggests some students may find the demands of revising all elements of the Core GCSE Science at once very difficult, so we have devised a programme to minimise the pressures of final examinations, while still allowing them to gain two GCSEs in Science. The decision has been based on a lot of research and consultation with County experts which will provide the best possible outcomes for your child. They are being taught Chemistry but will not necessarily be formally assessed in it. Students do have a right to be examined in Chemistry if they wish to, so could you please let me know by 30<sup>th</sup> November if your child wishes to be examined in GCSE Chemistry.

The decision to be taught the full GCSE syllabus but only be examined in two elements (Physics and Biology) was taken with the students' best interests in mind, however if you have any questions, or would like any further information please contact me through the school's Parentmail email address ([parentmail@hemelschool.com](mailto:parentmail@hemelschool.com)).

Yours faithfully

**Mrs D Harrison**  
Head of Science