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Dear Parent/ Carer,

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Re: Year 10 Science Curriculum

I am writing to ensure that you are fully informed about the structure of the KS4 curriculum in Science at Fulford. In year 10/11 we run two parallel courses in order to provide a curriculum that proves inspiring, challenging and successful for all of our students.

There will be 8 teaching groups of students and out of these:

- 5 groups will study Dual Science. Biology, Chemistry and Physics exams will take place at the end of year 11 and students will achieve two GCSEs in Dual Science (grades 9-1).
- 3 groups will begin working on Separate Science qualifications, possibly leading to three GCSEs (separate GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, again graded 9-1). Out of the three groups it is usual for around twenty students to move across to the Dual Science course through KS4.

The national norm is that students take 2 GCSEs in Science and in some schools this is the only route that students are offered. As such, this is suitable preparation for all A-levels or University courses, including those in Science.

Teachers will make a recommendation for the best route for individual students based on a rounded view of their performance in year 9. The pace and nature of assessment of the KS4 courses are important factors for consideration (Triple and Dual Sciences are both allocated the same curriculum time in years 10-11). Both routes are graded in the same way with higher and foundation papers available, though there is a proportionately heavier load of terminal assessment with the Triple Science route.

There is a degree of flexibility in the year 10 curriculum so if later assessments indicate that students would benefit through changing courses this will be feasible. You will receive a letter in the penultimate week of term confirming our recommendation for the curriculum pathway in year 10.

I hope the above provides a clear summary of the Science curriculum but if you have any questions please feel free to contact me at school. Further information can be found at <http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/science/gcse>.

Yours faithfully,

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