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Dear Parent/Carer

As we return after the summer break, it is important to look at the achievement of students who sat their Core Science GCSE last June. As always, some students have performed extremely well, achieving or exceeding their target grades, whilst others have not reached their potential on this occasion.

Your son or daughter's result is below:

GCSE Core Science target grade:	
GCSE Core Science final grade:	

You may be aware from the national news that pass rates fell significantly in this GCSE this year, as these Science courses become even more rigorous and grade boundaries rise further.

In year 11, students are set to begin a second qualification in Science. We feel that, given the increased demand at GCSE and the result above, an alternative BTEC route will be much more suitable. This alternative Applied Science Extended Certificate is equivalent to a C grade or above at GCSE, dependent on the mark achieved. It is assessed entirely through assignments completed in class, so no examinations are sat. We can offer this course due to an extension of a legacy qualification, and therefore students will retain their GCSE grade from year 10 to exit year 11 with two Science qualifications.

I am sure you will agree this is a good opportunity which maximises the likelihood of a successful outcome in Science this year. May I thank you in anticipation of your support and assure you that if you have further questions you are welcome to contact me without hesitation.

Yours sincerely

Steve Bush
Curriculum Leader of Science

