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Dear Parent/Carer

As your child comes to the end of Year 9 I wanted to let you know about science in Year 10 and Y11. We are extremely pleased with how Year 9 have taken to the GCSE course and whilst we have had some remote learning, as a year group they are in an excellent place.

As a department we have made a decision to teach separate sciences to all of the year group so they will all have separate chemistry, physics and biology lessons.

Whilst the separate sciences contain more content, they are not more difficult and still have a higher and a foundation tier. On the foundation tier students can achieve up to a Grade 5 whilst the higher tier is Grades 4-9. We will make the decision on which tier your child will take in each of the sciences based on their end of unit tests and this can be changed at any point. We do not want any student to feel that they do not have the opportunity to achieve an excellent grade in the sciences.

At the beginning of Year 10 we will offer you the chance to buy revision guides. The courses we are taking are:

AQA GCSE Biology  
AQA GCSE Chemistry  
AQA GCSE Physics

I would recommend that your child continues to complete 10 minutes of Tassomai four times a week as this will build their knowledge. This can be continued through the holidays.

If you have any questions, then please don't hesitate to contact me: [smanning@elycollege.co.uk](mailto:smanning@elycollege.co.uk)

Yours faithfully

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