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Dear Parent/Carer

We are looking forward to starting the GCSE courses across the sciences with next year's Year 9 groups.

We have made the decision to teach all of the year group the separate sciences. This means they will all be studying biology, chemistry and physics. These are not more difficult than the combined science course, but there is more content which we are confident we will have time to cover. Each of the GCSEs have a higher tier, grades 4-9 and a foundation, grades 1-5. We will make the decision which tier your son/daughter will take when they are in Year 11 and this decision will be based on how they do over the next two years. We would like all students to feel that they have the opportunity to excel in all of the sciences.

If your son/daughter wants to get a head start with the GCSE course, then they can have a look at the following online lessons. There is no expectation that they complete all of these.

Biology: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/cell-biology-b859>

Chemistry: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/atomic-structure-and-periodic-table-c831>

Physics: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/units/energy-c750>

The science department would like to wish you all a happy summer.

Yours faithfully

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