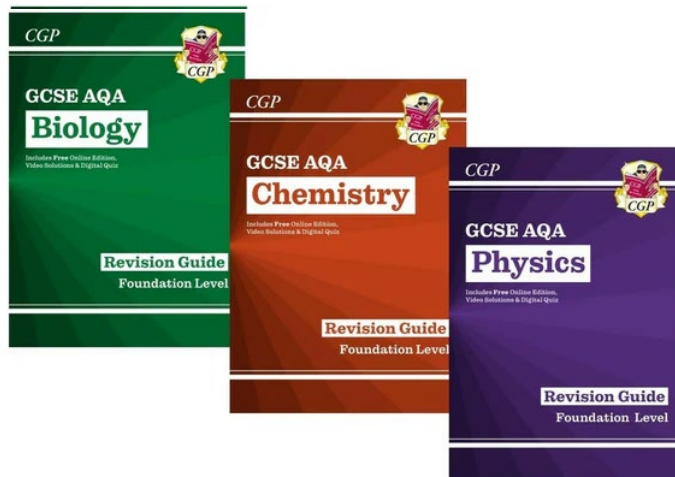


5th September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As your son/daughter is about to embark on their GCSE Science courses, I wanted to provide you with some useful information.

All students at Ely College are sitting the separate science courses meaning they will obtain three GCSE qualifications: Biology, Chemistry and Physics. They will be completing the AQA exam course. If purchasing any revision guides or workbooks for your son/daughter, please ensure they are in line with the AQA specification. We recommend the CGP AQA revision guides shown in the image below, which can be purchased at book shops e.g. WHSmith and online e.g. Amazon. If your son/daughter receives pupil premium funding these revision guides will be provided to them by their science teacher.



Students may sit the higher or foundation paper for these exams. The difficulty of the questions in the papers varies, which is reflected in the grades students are able to achieve. If students sit the foundation paper, they can achieve grades 1-5. If students sit the higher paper, they can achieve grades 4-9. All students will be taught the higher and foundation content in Year 9 and only once they are in sets for Year 10 will the content begin to differ slightly. The decision as to which tier is most appropriate for each student will be determined by their performance in mock exams, end of topic tests, target grades and conversations between each student and their teacher. A final decision will not be made until Year 11. If your son/daughter has a target grade of 1-4 we'd recommend purchasing the foundation revision guide and if they have a target grade of 5-9 we'd recommend purchasing the higher revision guide. Target grades will be released by half term.

If you have any questions, please get in touch.

Your faithfully



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