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HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be able to tell you the complete refurbishment of the entire Science block is now complete. It looks amazing and we have 9 brand new laboratories. This work began before the summer holiday and has included completely new layouts, desks, chairs, equipment, windows, floors and ceilings. We have now created a very modern, state of the art learning space, which will facilitate outstanding science teaching for the future.

Now that we have this area of the school returned to us, it has enabled us to be able to further enhance our Covid safety measures by ensuring all Key Stage 3 classes remain static in one room, except when they have PE lessons. All our current safety measures can be seen [here](#). This will support the wellbeing of both staff and students and allow these younger students to take ownership of a learning space.

It is important that we prioritise the rooming of exam groups (GCSE/ A level) during this period and as such we want to allow as much use of specialist rooms as possible. This is one of the reasons that we have made the students in Years 7 to 9 as static as possible to further reduce the risk of transmission but allow more flexibility within our GCSE /A level groupings and allow access to specialist rooms. GCSE Science classes will continue to have practical demonstrations or simulations in line with Ofqual's decision about the 2021 exam series which do not have to take place in Science laboratories which will currently be used as a base for Year 7. We also now have a dedicated Sixth Form laboratory for A Level Sciences which will now further support their practical endorsements.

These changes will take effect from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November when all students will be issued with a new timetable. These can be viewed by parents and carers via the Edulink app once they are live.

Kind regards

Sharon Jenner  
Headteacher

