

## HIGH STANDARDS, HIGH ASPIRATIONS, HIGH EXPECTATIONS

26<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to inform you about a change to our curriculum offer for Year 9 going into Key Stage 4. Following some feedback from parents, carers and students, we have reviewed our capacity to offer Triple Science. To support us in making this decision we have consulted with other leaders and specialists across our trust and researched the different methods of delivery that other schools choose in order to teach the additional content that Triple Science involves. We have considered the limitations and benefits of each and the application of them to our own academy.

With this in mind, we have chosen to offer Triple Science as an option subject for next year. This means that students will continue to participate in their normal core Science lessons with the rest of the year group as well as another 3 lessons a week when Options are running. This will enable them to study the additional topics and further depth required to obtain the third Science qualification, ensuring they have adequate curriculum time to cover the demands of the course. For clarity, **if your child wishes to amend their option choices to study this, then the Triple Science option will replace one of their other previous choices. (i.e. they would study Triple Science plus 2 other option subjects).**

As stated on options evening, Triple Science is not a requirement to access A Levels or Degree level education in any of the science disciplines, but does support an interest in STEM areas and can aid the transition to A Level sciences. While it provides an additional qualification, the depth of knowledge and understanding required is at a much greater level than that of Combined Science. The three qualifications they gain are all linked to the Triple Science curriculum, as each grade represents an individual Science discipline (Biology, Chemistry, Physics). For this reason, students that wish to study this should have a solid foundation within their core Science curriculum and having already begun studying GCSE content this year, this will help them and us gauge if this course would be most appropriate for them. We have therefore set out some guidelines below as to who Triple Science would be most suitable for, which we will consider when allocating students.

- Students should already be achieving at least a grade 5 in Science currently.
- A keen interest in Science is essential as with the option lessons, it will take up a significant proportion of a student's timetable.
- Must be fully dedicated to completing Triple Science. Due to the nature of studying it through option time, students will be committed to the course just like any other option subject, and will not have the option of reverting back to Combined Science.
- Teachers will be consulted with as to whether they feel a student will be more successful in Triple or Combined Science.

**If your child wishes to amend their option choices to include Triple Science, then can you please complete the form by clicking here [Year 9 Options Form](#) or going on our website This will close on Sunday evening 2<sup>nd</sup> May at midnight.**

As with all option subjects, it must be viable to run the class based on option choices and there are no guarantees as to who will secure a place once we start allocating. If you have any questions, please email [info@bristolmet.net](mailto:info@bristolmet.net) and we will ensure this is forwarded on to the Programme Leader for Science.

Yours sincerely

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