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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to inform you about the way homework will be set in Science this academic year. We are committed to supporting our students in developing independent study habits and deepening their understanding of the subject, and we will be making use of the online learning platform Seneca to help achieve this.

## From this term onwards:

- Key Stage 3 (Years 7–9): Homework will be set centrally by the Lead Teachers of Science through Seneca. This will ensure that all students are revising and practising the key concepts required at this stage of their learning.
- Key Stage 4 (Years 10–11): Each subject teacher will set homework on Seneca for their classes. This will allow the work to be closely tailored to the topics being covered in lessons and to the needs of each group.

In addition to tasks set on Seneca, teachers may also provide other types of homework during lessons where appropriate. This may include written assignments, activity sheets, or exam practice to complement the online work.

We believe that using Seneca will help students to engage with science in an interactive way, while also giving teachers valuable insights into progress and areas for development.

Staff will set the work on a bi-weekly basis starting Monday week A and closing on Friday week B. If you would like to monitor their Seneca work in more detail you can create a parent account that can link to theirs, this will allow you to see what is being set and completion rates, a detailed guide on this process can be found here: How to sign up to Seneca as a parent? | Seneca Learning Help Centre

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The platform is free to use for all and can be accessed on any internet capable device as well as through their app on a smartphone. I will also be offering a Science homework club in room 26 every Tuesday lunchtime between 13:00 13:25, with access to laptops to support those that may struggle with internet connection at home. This will be open to all years and available on a first come first serve basis.

If you have any questions about accessing or using Seneca, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Science teacher or myself and we will try to assist.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Kendrick-Eriksen

**Head of Science** 

