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Dear Parents/Carers,

At AHS, we plan to enter all GCSE students for three separate Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, and Physics) at Higher Tier. You may know that AQA has alternative assessment tiers and formats, namely Foundation Tier and Trilogy. Whilst written with teachers in mind, the full specifications and content are publicly available on the AQA website. You can find this information here: [AQA Science Subjects Higher, Trilogy and Foundation 2025](#). There is a more student and parent-friendly summary here: [Summary of Trilogy and Foundation Papers 2025](#).

Based on a student's progress through the courses and mock exams, we may offer them the opportunity to adjust their Summer 2026 Science entries. This will apply to only a few students whom we will contact individually, after their mocks, to recommend any changes. This letter is to make you aware that there are alternative routes and to ensure you are informed of the process and implications.

We anticipate that most AHS students will take three separate Sciences at Higher Tier as planned. Students who follow our recommendation to do Trilogy or Foundation routes will continue in their timetabled Science lessons. They will receive alternative revision resources and additional support.

If you would like to discuss any details further, please contact the relevant subject teacher, Subject Team Leader or Science Coordinator.

Yours sincerely,
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