**Key Stage 4 Curriculum Information: 2017-2018**

Below is useful information from departments that provide you with information about the types of qualifications available at Key Stage 4. If you require any further information please contact the Head of Department on the email address below.

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|  | **Subject** | Triple Science |
|  | **Examination Board** | AQA |
|  | **Head of Department** | Mr D Barker |
|  | **Accreditation Level (e.g. GCSE Level 2, BTEC Level 2)** | GCSE |
|  | **Number of qualifications?** | 3 |
| Exam Information | **How many exams?** | 6 |
| **When taken?** | May/June 2018 |
| **Percentage of final mark** | 100% |
| Controlled Assignment Information | **How many assignments?** | 0 |
| **When taken?** | n/a |
| **Percentage of final mark** | n/a |
| Brief Outline of Subject | GCSE Triple Science is three separate qualifications, one each in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, but at SWR all three must be taken if this option is chosen. Each of the three subjects will be taught in five, one-hour lessons each fortnight by one teacher i.e. students will have 15 science lessons a fortnight split between three teachers. Assessment is by six exams, each of 1 hour 45 minutes. Exams can be taken at higher or foundation tier. There is no controlled assessment. However, there are 26 required practical activities (which form only a part of the practical work across the two years), knowledge of which will be assessed in the exams.Students who study Triple Science will study all of the content covered by the Combined Science course. In addition they will study most topics in more depth, plus some new topics. |
| Post-16 Progression Routes  | GCSE Triple Science is a suitable course for students who may wish to study any of the science subjects at A Level. It is also suitable as a foundation for all other higher science qualifications. |
| Relevant Information | AQA specification code 8461/8462/8463.Students will be provided with a revision guide and online access to the text book we use. They will also be able to purchase work books and past papers in the school library. |