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Dear Parent/Carer

As the 2020-21 academic year comes to an end, we would like to acknowledge the challenges and hard work completed by Ralph Allen Students in Science throughout another challenging year.

We have been organising the groupings for Science for September and would like to keep you updated with our plans.

In year 9, the year group is arranged into two sides of the year, as for year 8. There are 4 Science groups on each side. Groupings are based on class work, class tests, work set and submitted, and individual student needs as discussed with class teachers. At Ralph Allen we firmly believe in the principle of inclusion, and we differentiate tasks and outcomes carefully to ensure every child is both challenged and supported in order to produce their personal best. The groupings are very similar to year 8 and the summary of how they are organised is as follows:

Year 9 Science Groupings

P side	Q side	Details	Course Overview
9P1	9Q1	6 parallel mixed ability groups. These groups will promote challenge, increasing independent learning to support the transition to KS4 Science.	All students study the same Science topics and work on developing the same skills throughout the year in preparation for KS4 Science. Some KS4 Science content is likely to be covered towards the end of the year.
9P2	9Q2		
9P3	9Q3		
9P4	9Q4	2 parallel supported groups. These groups will be smaller in number to allow more tailored support for individual learners in order to support the transition to KS4 Science.	

The above will be explained to students in lessons and students will be given an indication if they will be in a different Science group for Year 9, by their current Science teacher(s) this side of the summer holidays. Timetables and class teachers will be available in September. The groups are normally reviewed initially after October half term and then throughout the year.

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If you have any queries regarding the above, please do **contact your son/daughter's current class teacher in the first instance**, contact details are listed below.

Yours faithfully

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