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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 10 Science, there will be two Separate (Triple) Science and six Combined Science groups. Groupings for Separate Science are based on students having chosen Separate Sciences as one of their KS4 option choices. Combined Science 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 for the next academic year will be as follows:

Group	Course	Group details
10TS1	Separate (Triple) Science	Students studying Separate Sciences will be taught in two groups (10TS1, 10TS2) depending on the timetable and students' other GCSE options. Students will sit either the Higher or Foundation papers in each Science at the end of Year 11.
10TS2		
10DS1	GCSE Combined (Double) Science	Students studying Combined Science who have been identified as being very likely to sit the Higher paper at the end of Year 11.
10DS2		
10DS3		Students studying Combined Science who may sit either the Higher or Foundation paper at the end of Year 11.
10DS4		
10DS5		
10DS6	Students studying Combined Science who are likely to sit the Foundation paper at the end of Year 11. This is a smaller supported group.	

The above will be explained to students in lessons and students will be given an indication of their Y10 class by their 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. At this point, **no decisions have been made regarding tier entries** for students in Science allowing students in any group to work towards any grade. Final tier entries are not decided until after Christmas in year 11 and class teachers will discuss this with students closer to the time.

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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 overleaf.

Yours faithfully

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