



Tomlinscote School

October 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians of Year 9 Students

End of Key Stage 3 Science Assessment

The End of Key Stage 3 Science Assessment will take place on **Tuesday 18th November 2025**, during Periods 1 and 2 in the Main Hall. The assessment will last 90 minutes, after which students will return to their usual lessons. Support will be in place for students with exam access arrangements, to help them do their best.

This assessment will cover science topics studied in Years 7 and 8, as well as the Chemistry and Biology Key Stage 3 topics your child has already explored in Year 9.

From January, all Year 9 students will begin their GCSE Science courses. Students will be allocated to new science classes based on the outcomes of this assessment, previous assessments, in-class quiz scores, and feedback from their current science teachers.

Students placed in Sets 1 to 4 will follow the GCSE Triple Science pathway, while those in Sets 5 and 6 will study GCSE Combined Science.

Further end-of-topic assessments will take place throughout the Spring and Summer Terms of Year 9. These results will inform class placements for the start of Year 10, where:

- Triple Science students will be grouped into Sets 1 and 2,
- Combined Science (Higher Tier) students into Sets 3 and 4, and
- Combined Science (Foundation Tier) students into Sets 5 and 6.

To support your child's revision for the upcoming assessment, resources are available at: <https://padlet.com/pjuan2/key-stage-3-science-revision> (You may also use the QR code overleaf.)

This Revision Padlet includes:

- revision booklets,
- exam-style questions,
- summary sheets,
- access to digital science textbooks, and
- links to trusted revision websites and apps such as BBC Bitesize and Seneca Learning.

Your child will also be given their Key Stage 3 Science Lab Book to take home before the half-term break. At the end of each practical task, there are exam-style questions which will help with revision.

We're proud of how hard our students have worked throughout Key Stage 3, and we're confident they'll approach this assessment with focus and determination. I wish your child every success and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Juan

Key Stage 3 Science Lead

QR Code for Key Stage 3 Revision Resources:



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