



# Tomlinscote School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7 Students

## Year 7 Science Tests

As you may already know, students complete regular online Google Forms quizzes in their science lessons. These low-stakes assessments help us monitor understanding, address misconceptions promptly, and support students in developing good study habits.

In addition to these quizzes, Year 7 students sit two written science assessments during the school year. These assessments provide valuable practice in applying their scientific knowledge to exam-style questions and help build the skills they will need when they begin their GCSE Science course in January 2028.

The first of these written assessments — the **mid-year test** — will take place during the **week commencing 23 March 2026**. It will last 35 minutes and will be completed during students' usual science lessons.

The assessment will cover the following Year 7 science topics studied so far:

- **Biology 1** – cells; ecosystems
- **Chemistry 1** – acids and alkalis; mixtures and separation
- **Physics 1** – energy; forces

The second written assessment — the **final year test** — will take place during the **week commencing 1 June 2026**. This will also be a 35-minute written test completed in students' usual science lessons. The final assessment may cover any of the science topics studied in Year 7, and further details will be shared closer to the time.

All students will have their usual exam access arrangements in place to support them in doing their best. This may include extra time, access to an e-reader, or the use of an iPad for writing, where appropriate.

To help students prepare for the mid-year assessment, teachers will provide guidance on effective revision after the February half term. All students also have access to resources via the Key Stage 3 Science Revision Padlet (please see the links overleaf).

The results of the Year 7 assessments will contribute to decisions about the most appropriate set for each student in Year 9, alongside Year 8 assessments, classwork, progress, and teachers' professional judgement.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions. I wish your child every success in their science learning and in their upcoming assessments. Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr Juan

**Key Stage 3 Science Lead**

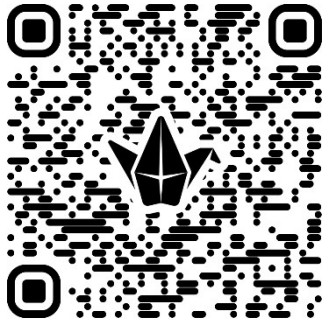


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