



Cardinal Newman Catholic High School

Specialist Maths and Computing College

Headteacher: Mrs J Warburton

15th December 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to clarify some concerns that have been raised about attainment in science in your child's recent report. As you will have noticed, the current predicted grade is lower than that has previously been reported. The main reason for this is the increased demand of the new GCSE subject content and more demanding assessments within Science. The attainment grade reported is the student's current grade based on assessments they have recently completed. As a department, we would expect the predicted grade to increase as students get more familiar with the types of questions that they will be asked in the final examinations. However students should recognize from this that there is a substantial increase in demand and their attitude to learning and revision also needs to reflect this.

Students should expect to have a formal assessment once every six weeks during year 9 and three times in a ten week period during year 10 and 11. Students are usually made aware of the assessment at least a week before and they should then complete substantial revision in the lead up to this.

We would strongly recommend that students purchase revision guides to help home revision and supplement notes. We recommend the CGP revision guides; these would normally cost £9.95 but as a school we can purchase these at a reduced cost of £6.00 for each GCSE.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please send cash or cheque for £6.00 together with the slip to Mr Latham before the 27th January 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Latham
Head of Science



Revision guide order form

Please enclose payment. Cheques made payable to *Cardinal Newman Catholic High School*. All forms and money must be returned to Mr Latham by 27th January to ensure the correct number of guides are ordered.

Name _____

Combined Science 9-1 £6

