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Church of England School
Headteacher: Mr A J Wilcock MA (Cantab)

23rd October 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

Core Science Retakes Summer 2015

As part of our commitment to providing your child with the opportunity to achieve their full potential in Science, I am writing to the parents of all students who sat the Core Science GCSE in June 2014 to offer your child the opportunity to retake this GCSE next year (June 2015).

Due to government changes in the way that students are able to retake GCSEs, should your child wish to re-sit Core Science GCSE, this will involve your child sitting the exams listed below:

- B1 exam (June 2015)
- C1 exam (June 2015)
- P1 exam (June 2015)
- Core ISA (Controlled Assessment) – to be completed on Wednesday 17th December.

Students who choose to retake Core Science will be required to attend two after-school preparation sessions for the Controlled Assessment (November/December) as well as the Core ISA examination day which will occur on Wednesday 17th December. There will be no further opportunity for your child to complete another Controlled Assessment (ISA) for the Core Science retake.

Students have been given access to revision materials on Fronter, which will include past paper questions, practice exam-style questions, revision notes and links to useful websites such as Kerboodle and Samlearning. Due to the limited curriculum time available to deliver the Additional Science Course we will not be allocating any time within lessons to Core Science.

As we are currently studying the Additional Science GCSE, it is suggested that students complete past papers from the AQA website to help inform them of their tier of entry. This can also be discussed with their Science teacher but teacher recommendations will be based on current attainment and effort in relation to the Additional Science GCSE course, not the Core Science GCSE course. You will need to decide which tier of entry you wish your child to be entered for in January. A separate letter will be sent out nearer this time.



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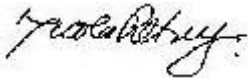
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Please complete and return the reply slip attached to Mrs Pittaway by **Monday 10th November** if you are interested in your child retaking their Core Science GCSE in the summer of 2015.

Payment should be made via ParentPay and should be made between Monday 17th and close of school on Monday 24th November 2014. Please select 'Core Science Retakes 2014-15'.

Should you have any queries concerning your ParentPay account please contact Mrs Ruttlely 01895 671050, alternatively email parentpay@bishopramseyschool.org

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs N Pittaway', written in a cursive style.

Ms N Pittaway
Deputy Head of Science

Core Science Retakes

Please return the reply slip to Ms Pittaway by Monday 10th November

Student's Name: _____ Form: _____

I would like my child to retake their Core Science GCSE in the summer of 2015.

I understand that

- My child will be required to **attend two afterschool preparation sessions** for the Controlled Assessment.
- My child will be expected to **revise and prepare for the exams** using materials provided for them on Fronter as there will not be any allocated time within lessons to revise for the Core Science exams.
- My child will be required to attend the **ISA Controlled Assessment day on Wednesday 17th December** and that there will be no further opportunity to complete another controlled assessment.
- I will need to indicate which **tier of entry (foundation or higher)** I would like my child to be entered for in the B1, C1 and P1 exams (letter to follow).
- I will be required to pay the following **costs** on ParentPay by 24th November:
 - B1 exam - £7.75
 - C1 exam - £7.75
 - P1 exam - £7.75
 - ISA (controlled assessment) - £7.70
 - Admin fee - £5.00

Total cost of £35.95

Signed: _____ Name: _____

Relationship to child: _____ Date: _____