



EEM/VHUpgrade/Triple
February 2025

Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Triple Science – Upgrade Strategy

Your child is currently studying GCSEs in Biology, Chemistry and Physics, this route through Key Stage 4 is called Triple Science. Last academic year, we made the decision to deliver Triple Science to two classes in Year 10 and we removed the course from the Option Blocks so that your child had the chance to study these courses, without losing out on one of their Option choices. As a consequence, your child is studying for 9 GCSE's compared to the majority of the rest of Year 10 who are only studying for 8 GCSEs.

Historically, The Link Academy, has an exceptional track record in Triple Science, with outcomes in all three GCSE's often being above the national average. However, we are mindful that we are now teaching the same three courses, in less face-to-face curriculum time due to its removal from the Options process.

In order to prepare your child to meet their full potential for their GCSE's, after October half term we will be delivering a compulsory UPGRADE lesson on a Tuesday from 3:15pm - 4.00pm in B203-B204. This session will focus on examination strategy including approaches to decoding examination questions, application to different contexts and exposure to a range of question types. Ultimately, this will impact positively on your child's ability to be successful in their Triple Science examinations.

The sessions are compulsory for all Triple Science learners to attend, a register will be taken for all sessions and they will run in B203/B204 as follows:

Dates

- Tuesday 4 March and Tuesday 11 March 2025 - 3.15pm – 4.00 pm - Biology
- Tuesday 18 and Tuesday 25 March 2025 - 3.15pm – 4.00pm - Chemistry
- Tuesday 1 and Tuesday 8 April 2025 3.15pm – 4.00pm - Physics

As The Principal of the Academy, I am willing to commit my own time to ensure that we provide all of our learners with the best possible chance to achieve their target grades and above. I expect all learners to ensure that they engage fully in this wonderful opportunity.

Yours faithfully

Mrs E Edwards-Morgan
Principal

