



Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Combined Science: Science Required Practical Lab Books & Subscription to www.my-GCSEscience.com

As you are aware your child would have started their Science GCSE course just after the Easter break. Part of the Science specification are Required Practicals, these replaced the old CAUs (Controlled Assessment Units) that used to form part of the overall grade. Required Practicals are carried out during normal lesson time but are examined during the main exam that they sit at the end of Year 11.

As such, we ask that all students have a 'Required Practical' book. As a school, we will purchase the books and ask that each student pays for theirs; they will be issued with the correct book for their GCSE Science course providing payment is received and once the school re-opens.

As your child is studying the Combined GCSE Science course, the practical book will cost £2.50. Once school re-opens, we will be starting the GCSE Required Practical element of the course, so it is imperative that the students have a book. Unfortunately, if we do not receive payment, your child will not be issued with a book. If your child is eligible, the cost of this book will be covered by the Pupil Premium fund.

In order to support your child through this course, we set regular homework tasks on a digital learning platform called my-GCSEscience. This provides tutorials of the entire course, multiple-choice questions that give direct assessment feedback to both the students and the teachers. There are also many exam practise questions to help students apply the knowledge gained from each tutorial. We have managed to secure a substantial discount for this resource but do request a small fee of £2.50 to go towards this for your child. Once again, if your child is eligible for Pupil Premium the cost of this resource will also be covered.

Please arrange to make these payments via our online system, Wisepay; there will be a Combined Science Option of £5.00. If you have any queries regarding any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me by email; jpennington-wright@tringschool.org. Please ensure that payment is received by Monday 11 May 2020 to enable your child to have access to my-GCSEscience.

Yours faithfully

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