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Dear parents and carers

I am writing to you regarding the opportunity to study the three separate sciences, Biology, Chemistry and Physics, at GCSE at Old Buckenham High School.

At OBHS we believe that all students can succeed, but we recognise that our students have varied interests and aspirations. With this in mind, we would like to offer all students the opportunity to express an interest in the opportunity and be considered to undertake the three separate sciences at GCSE.

For successful students, the content for the three science GCSEs will be taught during students' timetabled Science lessons. It does not have an impact on their timetable or affect a student's options choices as the course is delivered using the same allocated time as the double science qualification. It is important to note, however, that students undertaking the three separate GCSEs will be set additional homework assignments in terms of compulsory further reading and related tasks which other students continuing to study for the double science (Trilogy) GCSE, will not.

We appreciate that not all students will have aspirations to go on to a science-based career, or have the determination and independence needed to study this academically rigorous course. It is therefore important that the discussion you have with your child covers not only the academic requirements of the separate GCSEs, but also the commitment to their independent learning that will be essential. If your child is successful in being allocated a place on the separate sciences course, your support of their study will also be appreciated.

To help your child to decide whether this course is right for them, we have included information on pages included which compares the compulsory combined Trilogy Science course (double award/ 2 GCSEs) undertaken by all students as a core subject, with the separate sciences course.

It is important to note that places are limited and that, once students have had the opportunity to express an interest by submitting the form below, places will be determined based on information shared by students' teachers regarding Attitude to Learning, completion of homework and engagement in lessons.

If your child would like to be considered for this opportunity, please ensure the application form attached is completed and returned either to reception or via email



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(jclark@obhs.co.uk) by Thursday the 2nd July. Students will be contacted on Monday the 6th July regarding the status of their application: we will not be able to process any late replies due to the tight turnaround time.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Science faculty

