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Dear Parent / Carer

RE: Separate Science Invitation

I am writing to share some exciting news regarding your child's academic journey in Science.

Our school is proud to offer the AQA Separate Science programme, an enriching and comprehensive course designed to provide students with an in-depth understanding of the three core science disciplines: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics. This programme is a fantastic opportunity for students who are passionate about science and wish to explore these subjects at a more in-depth level. At the end of the course, your child will achieve a separate GCSE grade for Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

The AQA Separate Science course covers a wide range of engaging and challenging topics that will not only deepen your child's scientific knowledge but also enhance their critical thinking and analytical skills. Some examples of the topics covered in each discipline include:

Biology	Chemistry	Physics
Cell Biology	Atomic Structure	Forces
Genetics	Chemical Bonding	Energy
Ecology	Organic Chemistry	Electricity
Human Biology	Chemical Analysis	Astrophysics

We have been closely monitoring your child's academic progress, attitude towards learning and response to home-learning, and it is with great pleasure that I extend an invitation for them to join the AQA Separate Science programme. Their dedication to their studies and evident passion for science make them an ideal candidate for this course.

Participation in the Separate Science course will provide your child with a solid foundation in the sciences and open doors to many future academic and career opportunities in STEM-related fields. Separate Science is not part of the options blocks and your child will still be able to select their 4 options and 2 reserves. The Separate Science content will be taught during the core Science curriculum hours with an additional 3 hours being utilised from the core RS/PSHE/PE hours.

I understand that this decision may require careful consideration and I am more than happy to address any questions or concerns you may have. Please feel free to contact me at gdesforges@southdartmoor.devon.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Head of Science

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