



# St Robert of Newminster Catholic School and Sixth Form College

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Dear Parent/Carer

## Separate Science to Combined Science

Having reviewed the last two formal assessments alongside class and home learning tasks, I have identified that your child has struggled to cope with the content and skills needed to be successful on the Separate Science course. This means they are at a high risk of failing to achieve a GCSE grade in one or more of the sciences in the summer. I have, therefore, made the decision to change their science qualification to Combined Science. I will use the next assessment window to identify the appropriate tier of entry.

It is important that your child achieves a good pass in science i.e., a grade 55 in Combined Science. By making this change your child would have less content to remember, shorter exams and more time to revise in class.

The move is designed to support your child and this decision has not been taken lightly. I firmly believe it will maximise their potential to achieve the best possible outcome in the summer, and I would appreciate your support when discussing this matter with your child.

If you would like to discuss this change, please contact me via the school email address by noon on Monday 19th February. If I do not hear from you by this date, the necessary arrangements will be proceeded.

Yours faithfully

**Mr G Wylam**  
**Head of Science**

