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Dear Parent/ Carer,

Re: Thomas Alleyne's High School - Year 7 Transfer Tests, W/C 25th September 2017

At the last year's Science department pyramid meeting; where all three Uttoxeter Middle Schools and the High School meet. The Science departments discussed the transition of students to the High School in 2018.

Following on from a detailed discussion about the changes to the Science curriculum at both KS3 and KS4 it has been decided the first paper of the transfer testing will now take place at the beginning of Year 8, previously it was taken at the end of Year 7.

The first transfer test covers the Science content that the students have studied over Year 7 in the middle schools and follows the format of an old "KS3 SATs paper".

The Science departments feel that taking the test at the start of Year 8 will give more accurate information about the student's progress and together with the data gathered from the testing at the end of Year 8 we can then place the students for their appropriate grouping at the High School, during the moderation process. As before the 50 minute transfer test will be based on the units listed (please see below) and can I please remind you that as a group of schools we have an agreement that we will not run revision sessions for these tests. However please understand that we are available if your child has a particular question or problem about a topic area.

The following topics will form the test, which will take place in normal Science lessons the week commencing 25th September 2017.

- 7A CELLS & REPRODUCTION
- 7C ENVIRONMENT & FOOD CHAINS
- 7D VARIATION & CLASSIFICATION
- 7E ACIDS & ALKALIS
- 7F CHEMICAL REACTIONS
- 7G SOLIDS LIQUIDS & GASES
- 7I ENERGY
- 7J CIRCUITS

YR7 INVESTIGATION TECHNIQUES

May we suggest that your child plans a schedule in advance and these sites may be useful as aids to their revision programme,

<http://www.scibermonkey.org/level.asp?page=KS3>

www.bbc.co.uk/schools/ks3bitesize

<http://www.mathsmadeeasy.co.uk/scienceks3.htm> this one has past KS3 papers to download with mark schemes.

We do hope that you will support us in these important changes we feel that we have had to make to ensure that your child has the best possible start as they move to the high school system.

Thanking you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Morris
Head of Science