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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Tassomai online science study programme**

In science we have decided to purchase the Tassomai online science study programme for all students to use. Students have had the opportunity to access the programme initially on a free trial basis. As a result of positive feedback from students, and from other schools, we have decided to continue the programme.

The results from this programme are impressive and last year 95% of students who used Tassomai regularly (i.e covered 80% of the course) achieved a grade C (equivalent to new grade 5) or above and 56% got an A /A\* (new grade 7-9). Research shows low risk quiz questions with instant feedback are high on the agenda for raising attainment bringing competition for boys and confidence building for girls. This will help students to adapt to the changes in the GCSE science exams with the removal of coursework/ISA element and the terminal exam structure.

The key to success with the programme is regular online testing and keeping the progress wheel blue/green i.e. on or ahead of track. When students do not use the programme regularly, their progress wheel will show red i.e. behind schedule. It is possible for parents to receive a weekly update on their son's/daughter's progress wheel via email. If you do not wish to receive this information, then please email me at the address below before 25 January 2018.

Students log on via their email address with a password they set themselves. The password can be recovered via their email should they forget it. If they cannot access the programme their teacher can recover their login and password for them.

I have attached a presentation about the programme for more information. If you have any further questions, then please contact me via email below.

Yours sincerely

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