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JD/hr/Y10 Progress concerns  
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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

**RE: PROGRESS CONCERNS IN SCIENCE**

I am writing to you to share our concerns about some of the progress being made in science. You will see this evidence in your child's Year 10 report. This refers to any or all of the science subjects.

In the recent mock exam, attainment was significantly below what was expected. Furthermore, attitude to learning has not been up to the standard which we expect for students at St. Joseph's College.

Whilst we continue to do appropriate intervention in class and positively encourage improved work ethic, we need your support at home too. We understand that this can be daunting and difficult in our busy lives but we are confident that with your support, improved attainment and progress are possible.

We are committed to the success of our students and can share the following advice:

- Reading questions carefully is key. It gives clues to how to write a strong answer. We practice this often in class and in homework tasks.
- Working more independently can build confidence. Students should try something and *then* check answers with teachers or mark schemes. Any corrections can then be made to help reduce future errors.
- Find a quiet place to work at home.
- <https://www.stjosephstrentvale.com/academic-life/study-skills/>
- Always complete homework on time. Begin to revise at home for short periods of time but weekly.
- We will continue to post and upload resources onto Teams to support students.
- Act promptly upon the teacher's verbal feedback and written comments in exercise books.
- Look out for a revision guide to buy. We shall send out more details for this in September.

Thank you for your continued support.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Davenport  
**Director of Science**

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