

## GCSE science: Virtual communities 2020

Autumn 2020



Welcome



## Format of the meeting

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- Short introduction to the discussion points
- Breakout into smaller discussion groups
  - One person in each group to make notes of main points based on the questions on screen.
- Plenary session on main points/themes arising
- A few minutes together to share:
  - what you might take forward from this meeting for the next term
  - ideas about possible focus of future meetings
  - ideas for resources/websites you've used – particularly with respect to practicals.

## Group discussions: Focal points

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- The situation regarding practicals and assessments in 2020/21
- Practical work
  - What are you doing in terms of practical work with your Year 11s?
  - How do you think reducing the amount of hands-on practical work will affect students' ability to answer the exam questions?
  - What are you doing/might you do to mitigate this effect?
- The importance of mock exams
  - What would you like to get out of any mocks?
  - What/how much are you testing?
  - When are you planning to run them?

## Coming back together: Main points from discussions

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### **The main points/common themes arising from group discussions**

- Practical work
- The importance of mock exams

## Taking things forward

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- What points from the discussions do you plan to take forward in your teaching?
  - Practical work
  - Mock exams
- Looking ahead to 2021
  - Ideas for focus of future sessions
  - Resources you find helpful
  - What more can we do to support you in 2021 and beyond?
- While we can't promise to deliver everything discussed today, we do want the content to be led by teacher need.

## Get in touch

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Our friendly team will be happy to support you between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday.

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## Thank you

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