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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 11 Chemistry Prelim Preparation

As you will know the Year 11 prelim exams take place towards the end of November. We have produced a number of resources which have been specifically prepared to support boys in their study of the new AQA 9-1 GCSE. Those boys that use these resources effectively and take the opportunities offered and suggested by us will be rewarded with top grades in the summer and we ask for your support by providing your sons with encouragement to take advantage of the resources available. The resources include the following:

- The new AQA textbook.
- An A4 'Consolidating Chemistry Knowledge by Diagrams' booklet. One homework each week is being set from this booklet. Rather than simply answering the questions from existing knowledge we are encouraging boys to refer to textbook pages and/or the detailed short relevant Fuse School video tutorials identified in the booklet to aid the completion of the questions.
- A prelim preparation paper issued for completion over the half term holiday will provide the opportunity to tackle the full range of exam questions.
- An updated revision checklist outlining the whole of the AQA specification – this will identify all the work that needs to be covered from Year 9-11 in preparation for the summer exams and is organized according to which paper (either paper 1 or 2) will assess each aspect.
- Independent study guides for each GCSE topic - each guide identifies the specification points for that topic and includes independent study suggestions including links to the relevant 'Fuse School' video tutorials. These video tutorials are 3-4 minutes long with boys reporting to us that they find them helpful. We are certainly not expecting boys to do all the independent study suggestions but use them simply to target their revision focusing on areas where they know that their knowledge or understanding could be improved further. The boys should be familiar with these resources and know where to find them.

Boys who purchased revision guides and workbooks will also find these helpful.

We expect the boys to be reassured by the fact that they know exactly what it is they should be doing to support their achievement in both the prelims and the summer exams and hope that the resources they have been provided with will help them in making their revision time effective.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further support.

Yours sincerely

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