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Dear Parents and Carers

### **Easter Science Revision work**

We recognize that boys all revise in different ways and what is most important is that they are now revising in a way which is effective for them. They have already received the 'Year 11 Revision Strategies' booklet which many boys have read and put into practice - further copies can be found at: [http://www.bws-school.org.uk/main/Middle\\_School/](http://www.bws-school.org.uk/main/Middle_School/) with Science specific advice found in the document 'year 11 countdown to Cambridge IGCSE Science revision guide' <http://www.bws-school.org.uk/Curriculum-Exams/Science/Year11/>

Specifically in the sciences we recommend that boys do the following over Easter:

- Use their revision checklists in each of the sciences to ensure that they have revised the entire GCSE courses. Whilst the boys have copies of these, electronic copies can be found here:
  - Chemistry <http://www.bws-school.org.uk/Curriculum-Exams/Science/Year11/Chemistry/> ,
  - Biology <http://www.bws-school.org.uk/Curriculum-Exams/Science/Year11/Biology/>
  - Physics <http://www.bws-school.org.uk/Curriculum-Exams/Science/Year11/Physics/>
- Use revision guides and textbooks to make sure that where they discover gaps in their knowledge they read these books to revise.
- Use the past papers on the school Q drive - there are multiple copies of each exam, with mark schemes. The best way to use these resources is for the boys to do the past paper under timed conditions and then use the mark scheme to highlight their attainment. This should allow them to understand where their exam technique or knowledge could be improved further so they know where to target further revision. The following papers are being recommended although if boys wish to do more they should feel free to do any that are on the Q drive. For Chemistry - May 2007 papers - in a folder labelled 'May 2007 Easter work'. For Biology Nov 2012 papers in a folder labelled 'Year 11 Easter Work' and for Physics May 2012 papers - in a folder labelled 'Easter holiday work 2015'. The boys have been shown where these resources can be found and are aware of this guidance.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any specific questions on how best your son can prepare for his examinations in the Sciences.

Kind regards

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