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Dear Parent/Guardian

Biology Olympiad

The British Biology Olympiad will run again in January 2016 forming the first part of the National Biology Olympiad competition for the best young Biologists in the country. The questions posed often stimulate much debate on, and enthusiasm for Biology. Tackling the paper also provides a good opportunity to develop some of the skills required for study at university and beyond.

Following our great success last year, we would like to encourage all year 13 biologists to enter as in previous years several boys have reached the next round of the competition, and the majority of students have achieved either a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate. Boys in Year 13 also find it a valuable discussion point at interview as it demonstrates a continued commitment to their studies.

The paper is deliberately challenging and goes beyond the normal demands of standard 'A' level questions and will offer students an opportunity to test their understanding and problem solving skills. Further information outlining the syllabus can be found on the school website with links to relevant information and past paper questions.

The papers will be taken online during school time between 20 - 28 January 2016. If you wish your son to take part we ask that you make a contribution of £5 towards the entry fees. No student will be barred from the competition on account of non-payment due to circumstances. Please make your payment by **Wednesday 16 December**.

PAYMENT:

Online: Via www.scopay.com

If you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk. Link codes are only needed for online account set up.

Yours sincerely

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