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Dear Parents/Guardians

The boys will be receiving their prelim results over the next two weeks with a summary report issued to parents shortly. In lessons the boys will be encouraged to focus on the areas of the papers where marks were lost and reflect on how they could improve their study approach.

All boys will be given the work and advice as identified below for each of their science subjects with the expectation that this work be completed over the half term break.

Chemistry: Look over the textbook and notes for the entire organic chemistry topic which will be assessed in the F324 module. Boys should use their specification checklist which details all of the content that has been covered – careful study of this document should direct the learning effectively. Boys will be given a further prelim within a few weeks of half term in preparation for the specific F324 Organic Paper.

Biology: Revise the whole of F214. Boys that have a D or less will be asked to re-sit this paper after the February half term. Go through the Gene Technology and Biotechnology Checklist in preparation for a test in this topic. There will be a whole paper for the bigger unit F215 after Easter when we have completed all the content.

Physics: In addition to any homework set boys will need to access the key definition document on the school website > curriculum-exams/science/files/Y13files. Using this document and their textbooks they should learn the key definitions from the Newtonian World module G484. There will be a test on this straight after half term.

Geology: As the end of the course approaches boys should be in a good position to be completing both full F794: Environmental Geology and F795: Evolution of Life, Earth and Climate papers under timed conditions. All past papers are on the Q Drive stretching back to 2001 so this should give plenty of opportunities. Where necessary it would be wise for boys to use the textbook and their class notes to supplement their exam answers before carefully marking them using mark schemes which can be found with the examination papers.

Any boy who is below their target grade in any of the Sciences will be asked to use one of their study periods each week to undertake directed work. This will be a formal arrangement made via the Head of Department. The work to be undertaken will take the form of either additional questions or a past paper which will be completed under supervision.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the appropriate Head of Department if we can be of any assistance over the coming months.

Yours sincerely

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