



Bishop Wordsworth's School

Exeter Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2ED

Telephone: 01722 333851

Fax: 01722 325899

E-mail: admin@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Website: www.bws-school.org.uk

Head Master: Dr S D Smallwood BSc (Hons) PhD NPQH

12 May 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians

Boys taking the AS examinations

Boys have been given the opportunity to undertake the two practice papers under examination conditions over the last two weeks. Unfortunately for most boys the grades that they have achieved have been disappointing. A significant amount of focus is required over the coming days to try and ensure that work is learnt effectively. Familiarity with the content material is not necessarily the same as thorough learning and boys need to make sure that they know and understand the material so that they can answer questions in detail. The textbook is excellent and boys should use this resource by reading it and making notes and writing out explanations before then attempting past paper questions. Where past papers highlight areas of incomplete understanding or knowledge then they should then consult their textbook again.

Other revision activities which we have advised include:

- Working through the SWGS Chemistry past paper questions on the Q drive – the boys have been told to either access these via the remote desktop, print them out in school or transfer them onto a memory stick for use at home. The markschemes are also available so boys can do these questions and then mark them. Where they find they have not got questions correct then they should do further revision using their textbook.
- Download and do the AS specimen papers – the markschemes are also available at this site. <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-chemistry-a-h032-h432-from-2015/>
- Complete the end of chapter questions in weaker areas. These questions can be marked and answers are available at this site. <https://global.oup.com/education/content/secondary/series/ocr-a-level-sciences/alevel-sciences-for-OCR-student-book-answers/?region=uk>
- Complete the AS papers from the other exam boards to give practise in the multiple choice and practical skills based questions in particular – the boys have been given packs of these papers and markschemes that we have prepared for them.

Boys continuing with linear Chemistry

We recognise that many of the boys have AS exams in other subjects and that it is therefore very important that they ensure that over the next six weeks they plan their revision to ensure that they revise and learn each of their subjects. Where boys have lots of AS exams before half term then we recognise that they will likely be using the exam/revision weeks to focus on those subjects with perhaps a lighter touch to the linear subjects. We are therefore expecting the majority of the focus for revision of the linear Chemistry course to take place during half term and the first two weeks in June. The linear exams will take place in the w/beg 20 June.

Familiarity with the content material is not necessarily the same as thorough learning and boys need to make sure that they know and understand the material so that they can answer questions in detail. The textbook is excellent and boys should use this resource by reading it and making notes and writing out explanations before then attempting past paper questions. Where past papers highlight areas of incomplete understanding or knowledge then they should then consult their textbook again.



Bishop Wordsworth's School

Exeter Street, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP1 2ED

Telephone: 01722 333851

Fax: 01722 325899

E-mail: admin@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Website: www.bws-school.org.uk

Head Master: Dr S D Smallwood BSc (Hons) PhD NPQH

Other revision activities which we have advised include:

- Working through the SWGS Chemistry past paper questions on the Q drive – the boys have been told to either access these via the remote desktop, print them out in school or transfer them onto a memory stick for use at home. The markschemes are also available so boys can do these questions and then mark them. Where they find they have not got questions correct then they should do further revision using their textbook.
- Download and do the AS specimen papers – the markschemes are also available at this site. <http://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-a-level-gce-chemistry-a-h032-h432-from-2015/>
- Complete the end of chapter questions in weaker areas. These questions can be marked and answers are available at this site. <https://global.oup.com/education/content/secondary/series/ocr-a-level-sciences/alevel-sciences-for-OCR-student-book-answers/?region=uk>
- Complete the AS papers from the other exam boards to give practise in the multiple choice and practical skills based questions in particular – the boys have been given packs of these papers and markschemes that we have prepared for them.

In the w/beg 6 June the boys will be undertaking the AS practice papers for homework which we will go over in the lessons.

Yours sincerely

Dr E Baker
Director of Science and Head of Chemistry