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Dear Parents/Guardians

Chemistry Olympiad

Your son has the opportunity to sit the Chemistry Olympiad paper which forms the first part of the National Chemistry Olympiad competition, organised by the Royal Society of Chemistry, for the best young chemists in the country. The questions posed often stimulate much debate on, and enthusiasm for Chemistry. Tackling the paper also provides a good opportunity to develop some of the skills required for study at university and beyond. The majority of students in previous years have achieved either a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate. Achievement at this level supports advanced problem solving and allows boys the opportunity to develop their skills on answering questions which address different aspects of chemistry. Taking part in the Chemistry Olympiad is very good preparation for the final linear A Levels with the final exam papers now having more synoptic questions which bridge different topic areas. In previous years the majority of Year 12 have entered the competition, an award is something they will definitely wish to put on their UCAS form. We are recommending that all year 13 boys enter.

The paper is deliberately challenging and goes beyond the normal demands of standard 'A' level questions and we will be running some additional after school sessions to help prepare the boys although the expectation is that boys spend some additional time outside of these sessions to become more familiar with the style of questions. Further information and materials can be found on the school website with links to relevant information and past paper questions.

The paper will be sat in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 25 January 2017. If you wish your son to take part we ask that you make a contribution of £5 to cover the assessment costs. No student will be barred from the competition on account of non-payment due to circumstances. I hope that your son will choose to take part. Please make your payment by **Monday 12 December** and ask your son to return the slip below to myself so that I can do the necessary administration.

PAYMENTS:

Online: Via www.scopay.com. If you need a link code please email amh@bws.wilts.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

Andrew Griffin-Raphael

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To Mr Griffin-Raphael

My son wishes to be entered for the external Chemistry Olympiad Competition on Wednesday 25 January 2017.

Son's Name: Form:

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)