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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Linear Chemistry

As your son has decided to continue with Chemistry next year he will be taking an end of year Chemistry examination in the week beginning 19th June. Whilst your sons A Level examination will be entirely assessed on his performance in the three examinations taken in the summer of 2018 our experience of teaching boys before 2000 (when A levels were linear rather than modular) leads us to recognise the importance of boys constantly consolidating prior learning throughout the two year course. The second year of the A Level course is more challenging and study for the end of year exam will therefore be important in ensuring that boys create a solid foundation for the second year of study. In addition to the end of module tests undertaken throughout the year, the end of year exam will also provide teaching staff with strong evidence to inform the UCAS predicted grades. Balancing studies across the four year 12 courses will therefore need to be a focus for all boys regardless of whether their A Level courses are linear or modular.

Leading up to the examination period, during half term and reading week (w/beg 5th June) we would expect your son to spend some time revising for his end of year Chemistry exam. In order to help him to do this we will be recommending that he uses the following resources to support his exam preparation:

- Go back through each topic using his textbook to help him. He could undertake the end of chapter questions (all past paper questions) and mark them using the on line mark schemes.
- Use the Independent study guides that the Chemistry department have produced for each of the AS Chemistry topics. These study guides will be available via the website on the Yr12 Chemistry curriculum area. Each independent study guide is broken down into topic areas which include the specification points, textbook references along with suggested independent study suggestions such as additional reading, video tutorials and past paper questions which in some cases have links to video explanations of how best to approach these questions.
- Further extension could involve undertaking the SWGS past papers and mark schemes for F321 and F322 which can also be found on the website along with the independent study guides. It is certainly not the intention that boys work through all of these resources, but instead we hope it will allow them to identify and consolidate specific areas which will be of benefit to them.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if we can be of help in any way.

Yours sincerely,

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