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Dear Parents/Guardians

Chemistry Olympiad

Your child 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 students 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. **We strongly recommend that all Year 12 and Year 13 students take part.**

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 students. The first of these sessions will be run on Monday 26 November from 4-5pm. Those students who spend some additional time outside of these sessions to become more familiar with the style of questions will improve their chances of achieving more highly in the competition. 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 Friday 18 January starting at 8.45am. If your child would like to take part we ask that you make a contribution of £5 to cover the assessment costs by Monday 10 December. No student will be barred from the competition on account of non-payment due to circumstances. I hope that your child will choose to take part and if they could return the slip below then all necessary administration can be undertaken.

PAYMENTS:

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

Yours sincerely

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Chemistry Olympiad – Friday 18 January 2019

To Dr Baker/Mr Griffin-Raphael

My child wishes to be entered for the external Chemistry Olympiad Competition.

Student's Name: Form:

Signed: (Parent/Guardian)