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Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 11 Chemistry

As you will know the Y11 prelim exams take place towards the end of November. We have produced a number of resources this year which have been specifically prepared to support boys in their study of the new AQA 9-1 GCSE. Those boys that use these resources effectively and take the opportunities offered and suggested by us will be rewarded with top grades in the summer and we ask for your support by providing your sons with encouragement to take advantage of the resources available. The resources include the following:

- An A4 'Consolidating Chemistry Knowledge by Diagrams' booklet. One homework each week will be set from this booklet. Rather than simply answering the questions from existing knowledge we are encouraging boys to refer to textbook pages and/or the detailed short relevant Fuse School video tutorials identified in the booklet to aid the completion of the questions.
- A prelim preparation paper which will be issued for completion over the half term holiday to provide practice on a range of 'new style' exam questions.
- An updated revision checklist outlining the whole of the AQA specification will be issued before the prelims – this will identify all the work that needs to be covered from Y9-11 in preparation for the summer exams.
- Independent study guides for each GCSE topic - each guide identifies the specification points for that topic and includes independent study suggestions including links to the relevant 'Fuse School' video tutorials. These video tutorials are 3-4 minutes long with boys reporting to us that they find them helpful. We are certainly not expecting boys to do all the independent study suggestions but use them simply to target their revision focusing on areas where they know that their knowledge or understanding could be improved further. We will be further developing these resources as the year progresses. These resources can be accessed via the school website in the Year 11 File area.

We expect the boys to be reassured by the fact that they know exactly what it is they should be doing to support their achievement in both the prelims and the summer examinations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further support.

Yours sincerely

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