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Dear Parents/Guardians

Y12 Chemistry Organic Synthesis Day

During the w/beg 4 June all Yr12 Chemists will be asked to come into school for an organic synthesis practical activity day. Students will be assigned either Monday 4 June or Thursday 7 June. The day will enable them to undertake multistage organic synthesis experiments which form an important part of the Practical Endorsement qualification.

Cambridge Chemistry Challenge

We have presently entered all Yr12 Chemists for the 'Cambridge Chemistry Challenge' competition and we hope that students will see this as a valuable enrichment opportunity. The competition involves students sitting a written paper which will take place on Wednesday 13 June at 1pm. The challenge contains questions which often stimulate much debate on, and enthusiasm for Chemistry and is good preparation for the final 'Unified Chemistry' paper which they will sit next year as part of their A Level qualification. Achievement of an award in this qualification would be mentioned in UCAS references as it is recognised by admissions tutors as being a valuable achievement.

As the paper is aimed specifically at Yr12 Chemists there is little additional work that is necessarily required although it is advisable for the students to have looked at the website and gone through some of the past papers and mark schemes to give them an idea about the types of questions and level of challenge. This might be something they could valuably do after Yr12 exams have been undertaken. The website link is <http://www.c3i6.com/compregs/about>

Yours sincerely

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