

RB/DC/KE

May 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian

**Year 12 Interim Progress Examinations - Week Commencing 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

We are writing to let you know that the Year 12 Interim Progress Examinations are due to take place in the week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> June. Many subjects are using these internal exams to check on students' progress against targets and Physics and Chemistry are no exceptions.

The exams have already been created and will test students on all aspects of Year 12 content. In Physics the content to revise is: Particles and Radiation, Waves, Mechanics and Materials, Electricity. In Chemistry the content to revise is: Physical Chemistry I, Inorganic Chemistry I, Organic Chemistry I.

The dates and times for the exams are as follows:

- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June P3 & P4 - Physics (2 hours)
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> June P1 & P2 - Chemistry paper 1 (1½ hours)
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> June P1 & P2 - Chemistry paper 2 (1½ hours)

We would encourage you to support your child through this process. In our experience Year 12 can be a time where students sometimes relax, in the misapprehension that these exams are 'not as important' as either last year's GCSEs or next year's A-levels.

We would also then ask you to impress upon your child that these exams are used to assess suitability for progress into the more challenging Year 13 content and that in the past students are removed from the course at this stage. Removal from the course is obviously a last resort but any student gaining an E or U grade in these Progress Examinations does not continue studying the course into Year 13. Any student gaining a grade D typically results in a Science contract being issued which will specify certain criteria that have to be met throughout Year 13, including attendance at support sessions that are put in place to help students achieve their potential.

We don't want the tone of this letter to be negative, but we feel obliged to be up-front and transparent with you regarding the importance of these forthcoming exams and we are seeking your support in sharing this with your child.

If you have any questions about the content of this letter, or anything else regarding the A-level Science courses, then please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school switchboard or email.

With warmest regards

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