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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 10 Exam Preparation & Holiday Revision – Combined Science GCSEs

As your son/daughter gets ready to start the final journey towards the science GCSE exams in the Spring and Summer of 2019, you will be aware of how important structured revision is for the 'knowledge rich curriculum' they will be assessed on. We intend to give all students a starting point by providing them with a complete set of Exam Practice Workbooks to be used alongside the CGP revision guides we recommend for revision. These workbooks will be given to every Year 10 student free of charge before the summer holidays to provide them with exam question practice during the break and throughout the coming year.

As you will appreciate, this opportunity will only be of benefit if the workbooks are put to good use throughout the next ten months. Students will be expected to complete specific sections throughout the remainder of their time at Outwood Academy Bydales and their work will be marked periodically at specific deadlines. It is part of all students homework and as such your son/daughter will be expected to complete the required pages by the deadlines or they will receive a C4a detention. The deadlines will be tied in to support all future mock examinations and Praising Stars and will allow staff and students to identify areas of strength and development in advance for the final GCSE science exams.

Below are the deadlines for those students, such as your child, who are expected to complete the Combined Science exams in Spring 2019. Subsequent letters will be sent out advising of future deadlines.

Subject:	Units:	Page Numbers:	Deadline date:
Biology	B1 Cells	1-11	Due w/c Monday 17 September 2018 in the first science lesson of the week.
	B2 Organisation	13-29	
Chemistry	C1 – Atomic structure	81-96	
	C2 – Bonding and structure	97-107	
Physics	P1 – Energy	148-160	
	P2 - Electricity	161-172	

Although this may seem like a significant amount of work for students to complete, these are units that the students have already been taught and they are but a fraction of the overall content required for the exams. We know from experience that the earlier students begin revising, the easier and less stressful the preparation for the final exams will be. Students in the past who have made good use of these resources have reaped the benefits in their final exam grades, which have been some of the best in the county. This is not an accident, but by the majority of students being utterly committed to achieving excellence.

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours faithfully

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