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Dear Parent/ Carer,

As you are aware this year is very important for your child and we in the science department want to ensure that your child achieves their full potential. Your child is in the first cohort to do the new style GCSEs which are terminal examinations of two years of learning. The questions are harder and the marks more difficult to achieve. To help your child do this I want to ask for your support and aid in encouraging them to take advantage of the help and resources that we have at APHS within the science department:

- Every day from 12:15 - 12:30 there is lunchtime session which is there to help with immediate problems with classwork or homework, so that a misconception does not take root. It can also be used to help your child catch up on missed work through illness etc.
- Every Wednesday after school we have the revision surgery which is an hour in which your child can bring any science problem that they have encountered whilst doing their ongoing revision and get help. We will also help with areas of past learning that your child is struggling to understand.
- Every pupil has access to Kerboodle, which is an online resource that has digital copies of all the text books, interactive activities for each double page spread to consolidate learning, all the worksheets we use and extra ones. If your child ever misses a science lesson they can use this resource to help them catch up on the missed notes and the use the lunchtime help to explain any more difficult areas.
- On 5th January they will be doing a practice paper 1 exam, which covers all work done in year 10, this will be done in lesson time in the classroom. In April they will sit practice paper 2 exams in the hall, which will give a fuller picture of what your child may achieve in June, with time to help fill any missing knowledge before real exams.

All of this will only be achieved if your child is actively involved in their learning and ongoing revision. You of course, play a vital role in this. I understand that you may not feel you have the knowledge to help them, but just asking them to explain things and make you understand will help them fully grasp any concept and knowledge. If your child makes themselves some flash cards of key terms and you ask them to spell them and what they mean, this would be a great help to them.