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Dear Parent/Carer

## **Year 12 Biology Information**

Now that the Year 12 Biology course is well and truly started, we have just completed our first assessment and our numbers are now finalised, I would like to give you some important information regarding the course.

Being independent and developing good effective study habits is the key to a successful outcome at A Level. Therefore, all students have access to fantastic online resources to support both lessons and self-study. This can be accessed via Pearson Active Learn and each student has their own login.

### **1. SNAB**

We ask parents to pay £20 for both Year 1 and 2 (combined).

Alongside this students will be given a PDF of the Year 1 textbook. Please access the online system to make payment by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### **2. Biology Review Magazine**

Reading around the subject is vital for A Level and as a school we subscribe to Biology Review Magazine – four magazines containing articles pertinent to the syllabus that provide greater insight and depth. I cannot recommend these more highly. We can offer students their own subscription at £15 which is less than half the cost to us. Please pay online by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October if you would like to take up this offer.

### **Other Information**

We have a Biology surgery every Wednesday lunchtime where an A Level teacher will be available to help with any issues, although I urge students to seek support whenever they need it, especially those students who did not do well in the progress test.

We will be visiting Whipsnade Zoo as part of our course next term.

I am hoping to organise a field trip in September 2019.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours faithfully

**Ms J Gilmore**  
Head of Biology