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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 £22 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 Monday 12th October 2020. Without support we will not be able to offer this resource.

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 which will enable students to receive four magazine over the year. Please pay online by Monday 12th October if you would like to take up this offer.

Other Information

We have a Biology surgery every Thursday 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. Look out for details, we are hoping this will not be a virtual visit.

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

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Gilmore'.

Ms J Gilmore
Head of Biology