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Dear Families

A-Level Biology Revision Guide for OCR

We would like to pass on the benefit of a '50% of revision guides' offer made to us by the OUPs Oxford Revise series

The price for the guide purchased through the school is £10.00

The advantage the Oxford Revise revision guides have over other revision guides is the inclusion of a retrieval practice section between the knowledge and practice exam question sections.

This encourages pupils to memorise the key building blocks of knowledge used to build more complex answers needed for the questions they will be expected to answer.

- They should not attempt the exam questions until they can answer all of the questions in this section from memory.
- If you are able, we would encourage you to test your child using these questions to make sure they have actually learned them, or ensure they are writing their answers down to be checked against the answers, rather than just 'saying them in their head'.
- Repeated retrieval of these questions will have a greater chance of improving their performance in exam questions later on
- This is increased further if there is a period of time left between them initially learning the content and then testing themselves on it (eg a fortnight later)

Purchase is by no means compulsory however previous year groups have found these books very useful. If you would like to purchase the revision guide, please could you make payment via the My Child at School app by **Thursday 22 February 2024**.

Please remember that if your child is eligible for the 16-19 bursary we can use these funds to pay for the revision guide. Please contact Mrs Plumb in the sixth form office for more details.

Yours sincerely

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