

# BISHOP



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Dear Parent/Carer,

## A Level Chemistry – Year 12

As part of our commitment to providing your child with a rich experience for A Level Chemistry, I am writing to introduce myself and give an outline of the expectations and requirements for studying A Level Chemistry at Bishop Ramsey.

As the Head of Chemistry, I would like to welcome you as parents to the A Level Chemistry course. I am very keen to work in partnership with you to ensure your child enjoys and achieves well in the first year of the course.

Chemistry is a challenging and exciting academic subject. It provides many opportunities and learning experiences which allow a multitude of skills to develop. Therefore, it is very important that Year 12 Chemistry students develop good study habits from the outset in order to be successful in Chemistry. It is important that students attend all lessons and also spend at least 5 hours per week on wider study. This may at times include assigned homework or it may be in addition to homework set. Students will have their first big assessment in the week beginning **12<sup>th</sup> November**, which will assess them on all content covered since the start of the course.

As part of the A Level Chemistry course your child will be required to carry out practical experiments. These will form part of the final assessment of the course called the Practical Endorsement, which will be awarded by the exam board in addition to their A Level grade on their results certificate. We are very eager to ensure that students will be able to safely and competently complete a wide range of practical activities in Chemistry. Our priority must be the safety of our staff and students and as such, we have ensured that we follow current CLEAPSS guidelines which students must follow during practical tasks to ensure their safety.

The Chemistry course requires careful records to be kept of the experiments that students have completed in a standardised laboratory notebook, which must be purchased from the school at a cost of **£10.34** before practical work can be undertaken. Please log on to ParentPay and select '**Year 12 Laboratory Notebook – 2022/23**'. Should you have any queries regarding payment, please contact Mrs Hagon at [parentpay@bishopramsey.school](mailto:parentpay@bishopramsey.school)

In order to complete practical work in a safe manner, a lab coat is also required which must be worn during each practical lesson. Unfortunately, since COVID is still a risk, we are unable to lend students lab coats, so it is vital that your child purchases a lab coat as soon as possible.

Each student studying A Level Chemistry will be provided with login details for [www.kerboodle.com](http://www.kerboodle.com). This online resource contains an electronic copy of the course textbook as well as other revision materials. If students wish to purchase their own copy of the textbook, then they can do so. The title of the text is A Level Chemistry for OCR Year 1 and AS and the ISBN 978-0-19-835196-2.

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If you have any questions or concerns, then please feel free to contact me at school. My email address is [sngochi@bishoprामsey.school](mailto:sngochi@bishoprामsey.school) or alternatively you can contact me by phone on the school number 01895 639 227.

The Chemistry staff are looking forward to working productively with you and your child this year.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,

**Mrs S Ngochi**  
**Head of Chemistry**