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Dear Parent/Carer

A Level Biology Revision Resources

As part of our continued support for students studying A Level Biology, we are pleased to offer students the opportunity to purchase a package of revision materials through the Biology Department. Traditionally many students choose to purchase the A Level Biology textbook independently. However, the cost of textbooks has increased significantly in recent years and as a school we are able to access a 50% educational discount on high-quality revision materials, enabling us to offer students excellent value for money.

For a contribution of £25, students will receive:

- **A Salters-Nuffield AS/A Level Biology Revision Guide**
- **A Salters-Nuffield AS/A Level Biology Revision Workbook**
- **A series of printed past paper bundles with mark schemes, distributed at key points throughout the course to support revision and examination preparation**

The Revision Guide and Revision Workbook normally retail at £11.50 each with the school discount applied. The £25 charge will, therefore, cover both books as well as all the past paper bundles issued during the course.

Student feedback has indicated that access to printed past papers and mark schemes is particularly beneficial when preparing for assessments and examinations. The past paper bundles will be carefully selected and issued at strategic points to support students' learning and revision.

Current Year 12 Students
Students currently in Year 12 will receive:

- **Spring 2027:** AS Paper 1 bundle
- **Summer 2027**: AS Paper 2 bundle
- **Autumn 2027**: A Level Paper 1 bundle
- **Spring 2028**: A Level Paper 2 and Paper 3 bundle

Current Year 13 Students
Students currently in Year 13 will receive:

- **Autumn 2026:** A Level Paper 1 bundle
- **Spring 2027**: AS Paper 1 bundle
- **Summer 2027**: AS Paper 2 bundle
- **Spring 2027**: A Level Paper 2 and Paper 3 bundle

We believe this package provides an affordable and convenient way for students to access high-quality revision resources and examination practice materials throughout their studies.

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If you would like your child to take advantage of this opportunity, please complete payment via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system **by Monday 5 October 2026**. If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team via email at finance@backwellschool.net

In cases of financial assistance, please contact the Finance Team who will be able to provide information regarding the 16-19 Bursary Fund. This is available to post-16 students who are in receipt of Free School Meals or whose parents/carers receive Child Tax Credit or Universal Credit.

Please note that purchasing this package **is entirely optional**. Students may choose to purchase revision materials independently, use copies available in the school library, access electronic versions where available, or print past papers themselves

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Biology Department.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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