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Dear parent/carer

I am writing to you in order to inform you of the resources and support available to your son/daughter within the biology department at Heckmondwike grammar School. As you are no doubt aware students are regularly assessed, and receive detailed feedback based on these assessments throughout the year. The purpose of this is to give students the opportunity to reflect on their performance as they progress through the year, and make improvements at each stage. The culmination of this work is the student's final year 12 exams, which start Thursday 27 April and will, in part, be used to form predicted grades.

The biology department offers a variety of resources to encourage, structure and support student revision. This includes a range of online resources from lesson PowerPoints to exam question booklets as well as tips and strategies for revision. All members of the biology department are also on hand during their non-contact periods and lunch hours to support students who require help with specific issues relating to the course.

In addition to these resources, it is vital that students use their time in lessons to maximise their understanding of course material. We encourage students to be proactive in lessons and ask questions as well as fully engage with the content of the taught material. Similarly, students must be proactive outside of lessons. We recommend that students should be doing a minimum of 5 hours per week revision for biology consolidating their knowledge of the course content and applying it to exam style questions. As a department, we spend a considerable amount of time modelling how students can revise at home and this is reinforced with whole school initiative delivered via form lessons.

Should you or your son/daughter have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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