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Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Biology Week – 2nd -10th October

Biology Week, hosted by The Royal Society of Biology, is taking place from 2nd - 10th October. In recognition of this, the Royal Veterinary College is running an online course called 'Biology Champions'. This free 6 week course will run on Tuesday evenings between 5:30pm - 6:30pm, starting on Tuesday 5th October, (Biology Week) and ending on Tuesday 16th November. Topics covered will feature content including; anatomy and physiology, ecosystems and the environment, cellular biology and immunology. There will also be guests from the Zoological Society of London, Biochemical Society and the Royal College of Pathologists to explain more about future career paths in the biosciences

As this is outside of normal academy hours, interested students will need to register using [this link](#) and complete the course online and independently at home. The link will also be shared in the Biology Google Classrooms for Years 10-13.

Although this is primarily aimed at Year 12 students, we wish to extend the opportunity to students in Years 10 to 13. The benefits of taking part will allow students to deepen their understanding of biological concepts, which we cover at both key stages 4 and 5. The invaluable opportunity to hear from scientists, working in bioscience careers, will provide current and relevant information to students who may be considering a career in this field. Year 12 students participating in this course will allow them to demonstrate engagement with Biology beyond the classroom, to further enhance any UCAS, (The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service), or related apprenticeship applications.

We will also be launching and running a Biology competition within Magna. We are inviting students to design a poster with the theme 'Our Perfect Planet'. Posters can be made by hand or by accessing suitable computer platforms. Details will be shared with students during their weekly competitions and community tutor activity. The entries will be judged by the Science department and the winner will have their design transferred onto a chalkboard that we have painted in the Science corridor, as well as receiving a prize. There will also be a prize for the runner up.

We very much look forward to seeing all the entries and being amazed by the talent and creativity of our students.

Yours sincerely



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