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Dear Parent/Carer

Y12 Physics Year One

I am keen to keep you informed about the structure of the A Level Physics course and the purpose of this letter is therefore to clarify the following issues.

1. The Course

We are following the AQA Examination Board GCE Physics specification (7407/7408).

2. Practical Work

Pupils are required to do 6 assessed practicals in Y12 and 6 in Y13. If pupils work to the required standard in these practicals and keep careful records of what they have done, they achieve a PASS grade in the practical element of the course. To aid them, students will be issued with a laboratory record book. They must keep this important record of their work safe and up to date at all times. It may be examined by external examiners during the year. The practical element of the course is examined separately such that pupils can achieve a grade A in Physics with a fail in the practical element. Universities will require a pass in the practical element as a requirement of an offer. It is therefore vital that students attend all lessons and keep their laboratory book safe and up to date. If they do miss work, it will be their responsibility to take a lead in catching up, especially as regards the practical element of the course.

3. Assessment

There will be an internal exam at Christmas. There will also be internal examinations in the summer of Y12. Pupils do not generally continue into Y13 unless they have at least a grade D at the end of Y12. This may be assessed using examinations and pupils' progress during the year.

4. Support

For pupils finding Physics difficult there is the following support: -

- Pupils can come to E005 at lunchtime or after school for help with homework or to access a quiet place where homework can be done.
- Pupils have each been loaned a Year One text book which covers the new AS Physics course exactly. Pupils must take reasonable care of books and return them in good condition.

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- We also recommend the following revision guide, CGP AS Level Physics Exam Board AQA. These can be purchased from the Physics department at cost price, which is £5.00, please return the slip below. Alternatively, you can visit the CGP website where there are full details.

If you would like a copy of your unique activation username for parentpay and password please email parentpay@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk stating your child's name and year group or contact the finance office at finance@silverdale.sheffield.sch.uk can be made via Parentpay.

If you choose to buy via parentpay, once you receive an email receipt you need to either forward this receipt to your child's email or print off a copy of the receipt so the student can collect the book from the Science office.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or one of the other Physics staff.

Yours sincerely

M Walsh

Mr M Walsh
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Silverdale School - AS Physics Revision Guide

Please place this slip along with payment in an envelope clearly labelled with **Physics Revision Guide, Students Name** and **Form** and hand in to Student Reception.

Student's Name: _____ Form: _____

I would like to purchase a Physics Revision Guide and enclose payment of £5.00. (Cheques made payable to Silverdale School).

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Keep your receipt from reception and present it to your Physics teacher.