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RE: Free A Level Chemistry Tutoring

Dear Year 13 Parents and Carers,

I hope you are well and have had an enjoyable summer. I am writing to inform you of an opportunity which may be available to your son/daughter studying A Level Chemistry. The National Tutoring Program was established following the COVID-19 pandemic to support students after the disruption caused to their education. As part of this program, this year **free online tutoring** is available for students who fulfil one or more 'widening participation' criteria. Initially this be being launched specifically for A Level Chemistry but is likely to expand to other A Level subjects later in the year.

This program offers 5 hours of free online tutoring per week for a period of 7 weeks. If your son/daughter fulfils one or more of the criteria listed at the end of this letter they qualify to apply. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis so I encourage you to be quick if you'd like to take up this opportunity.

More information can be found on the website [HERE](#). Applications are submitted online using the link [HERE](#). Please note the organisation 'MedicMentor' is providing this tutoring, however students do not need to be considering a career in Medicine to benefit from this tutoring.

If you feel your son/daughter qualifies for this program I encourage you to discuss this opportunity with them and submit an application.

Yours sincerely,

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Widening Participation Criteria

Students only need to fulfil **ONE** of these criteria in order to qualify for this tutoring program.

- In receipt of the 16-19 Bursary
- In receipt of Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)
- Receive Free School Meals
- 1st member of your family to go to University
- Have ever been placed in care or a foster home
- Is currently, or has ever been a carer
- Currently estranged from family
- Is in receipt of Universal Credit for Jobseekers
- Is in receipt of Universal Credit for Working Families
- Is in receipt of Universal Credit for Income Support
- Is in receipt of Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Is in receipt of Income related Employment and Support Allowance
- Is in receipt of Council Tax and Housing Benefit Support
- Mother/Father has served in the UK military at any point during student's life
- Has refugee status
- Has Asylum Seeker Status
- Has previously completed a University Widening Access Programme
- Is from a Gypsy, Roma or Traveller background

(Please note – if your son/daughter qualified for the 16-19 Bursary in Year 12 they must re-apply for this in Year 13. The application form is on our school website [HERE](#). Paper copies can be obtained from the school finance office)