



*Church of England School*  
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Dear Parent/Carer,

**Underachievement in AS Biology Progress Test**

Your son/daughter recently sat a Biology progress test and has failed to achieve the pass mark of 50% and, as such, is a cause for concern.

This result may be down to poor preparation for the test and/or inadequate understanding of the topics studied. It may be a case that they have yet to come to terms with the demands of the A Level Biology questions. It is important to stress that consolidation of notes along with past exam questions should form a key part of revision and it would be extremely beneficial for your son/daughter to seek advice from one of their Biology teachers should they require it.

Your son/daughter will be placed on Stage 1 of the Sixth Form Code of Conduct due to underachievement in Biology. They will be required to attend weekly intervention sessions for three weeks. These will allow their teachers to work with them on specific weak areas of their understanding. After this period that they will have to resit a progress test. This process is not designed to punish the students but offer support and guidance to help in their progression. The first intervention session will take place after school on Tuesday 7th November in ZF01 with Mr Murphy.

It is also vital that your son/daughter goes over the topics covered in the first test to ensure that they understand the questions that they could not complete in the test. The mark scheme for the test is available on Fronter.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please feel free to contact me at the school. My email address is [amurphy4.312@lgfmail.org](mailto:amurphy4.312@lgfmail.org), or alternatively you can contact me by phone on 01895 639227 ext 652.

Yours faithfully,

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