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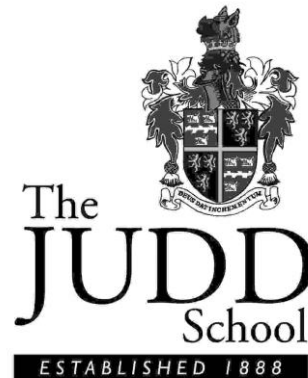
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Dear Parents,

Year 7 'BioBlast' Club – reply needed by Friday 28th April.

Some of our sixth formers are embarking on exciting journey – we have formed the first UK state school to enter the international competition in Synthetic Biology called iGEM. This will culminate in a giant jamboree in Boston, USA in November. More information about this and how we get on will be available for you and your son via a FrogSite that the team are building. Part of the iGEM competition is to engage in outreach work to raise awareness of synthetic biology and its potential. The FrogSite will form part of this but the team are also forming an afterschool club with the same remit.

The club will run over the next four Wednesdays after school for one hour and will take place in S16. It will be organised by the sixth formers but supervised by myself, Mrs Andrews. Over the four sessions, the students will be taken on a journey of biological developments, starting with the discovery of the cell and culminating in a look into the future of DNA technology - synthetic biology. There will be a host of activities along the way and will be designed to be fun and extend beyond the curriculum (whilst supporting it).

The club is aimed specifically at Year 7 and will be limited to 10 places. If your son is interested in joining, they must be available for all four of the sessions (dates below) and should return the slip to the main reception by Friday 28th April **at the latest**. A list of the 10 students that have been selected for a place (names will be drawn from a hat) will be put up on Frog. There is no payment required for BioBlast

Your son may not have received any information about this club at school as yet but can ask their Science teacher or myself if they have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs H Andrews
Biology Teacher
iGEM leader

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YEAR 7 BioBlast Club

Name: _____

Form: _____

I agree to my son joining the 'BioBlast' after-school club, on Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 24th and 31st May from 4pm to 5pm in S16.

Signed: _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Date: _____

