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Adrian Dingle's Organic Chemistry Class Introduction 2011

The Course and its content The specific syllabus objectives for my Organic Chemistry course at The Westminster Schools can be read at www.adriandingleschemistrypages.com/orgguide.html

- i. Whilst the vast majority of work covered on the course will be found in the text, a few areas will not. If the text does not cover the area of required study, the course notes will.
- ii. There will be sections within each chapter of the text that will not be discussed on this course.
- iii. The course will not necessarily involve studying the chapters in the order they are presented in the text and there will often be overlap between chapters.
- iv. The syllabus published at the start of the course should be viewed as provisional and as such is subject to minor alteration from time to time. Students will always be given sufficient notice of any changes.
- v. The course is NOT designed to prepare students for any examination other than the internally assessed one.

The Text Hart, Craine & Hart, Organic Chemistry – a short course, 12th Edition

The Course Notes Course notes amplify the content of the whole course. The notes are vitally important to students as they form a permanent, hard copy record that summarizes of all the knowledge and understanding that students require in order to perform well in the Organic Chemistry course. Each set of notes should be used and annotated however the student sees fit. They must be used as the basis for study.

The Website All the materials for the course can be downloaded from the website. It is student's responsibility to visit the site to get materials as and when they are needed. In addition to the course material you will find a very large amount of other helpful information there. You are required to visit regularly.

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The Expectations In order for us all to have a successful course we have to work together. There are two sides to this partnership.

Student obligations I hope it goes without saying that attendance, punctuality, courtesy and good behavior of the highest levels are expected at all times. On the occasions when it is unavoidable that a class is missed it remains the responsibility of the student to catch up with any material missed. Laboratory safety is always of paramount importance. You exemplary behavior and observance of safety procedures is required at all times. Students who take the initiative for their own learning and who are prepared to think around problems to find solutions usually fare better. Please seek help if you are having difficulties.

My commitment I will always grade and return work to you as soon as possible and will be happy to review any problems that arise from it. I am always happy to speak to students and parents outside of class time, as and when time permits.

The Assessment The course will be assessed in three areas.

1. **Testing.** Students will be tested on a regular basis, approximately twice every week. The tests will make up 40% of the final semester grade.
2. **Homework.** Homework will be set on a regular basis and deadlines must be met. The homework will make up 35% of the final semester grade.
3. **Examination.** All work covered in a complete semester will be covered in a written examination. The exam will make up 25% of the final semester grade.

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