

26th September 2014

Dear Parent/Carer,

Success in GCSE Maths.

On behalf of the Maths department, I am writing to alert you to a range of measures that we are putting in place to monitor and support your daughter at this crucial time.

Mock Exams:

Your daughter will sit a first mock GCSE Maths week commencing 3rd November. The result of this will be shared with you in her first report. This will provide us with an important benchmark of your daughter's progress. A subsequent mock exam will take place week commencing 15th December. This is a full week of mock exams for all GCSE subjects. The results of these mock exams will be given to you and your daughter when you attend our parents' evening on 15th January 2015.

Performance in each of these mock exams will ascertain which tier of entry your daughter will sit in the summer exam series. It is therefore vital that she revises and prepares for each mock exam as if it were the real exam.

Free Support Materials:

All pupils in Year 11 will be given a free revision guide and workbook for Maths and English. These materials can be collected in person on review day or will be given to your daughter next week. Students can also access the MyMaths website from a PC/laptop at home or in the school's Learning Resource Centre. The website contains tutorials, example questions and practice tests. It will support your daughter's progress through the free revision materials. The details are: <http://www.mymaths.co.uk> **Login: julie Password: parallel**

In addition, there will be resources uploaded regularly to our school VLE. Students can access this from home on a range of devices.

The following strategies and ideas may be useful for you to discuss with your daughter and monitor as they progress in Year 11:

- All homework deadlines must be met. Students should be recording homework in their planner.
- Students must copy up all notes and ensure they have any handouts/homework tasks if they miss a lesson.
- Students should re-read their class notes and, where necessary ask their teacher to explain anything they are unsure of. Getting into the habit of doing this means revision is happening from the start of the year.
- Feedback will be given verbally and on written work. Students must listen/read carefully and act on that feedback if they are to make progress towards their target grades.
- Revision sessions will be offered by staff and students should be encouraged to take advantage of this extra support.

If you wish to source any additional revision or support materials for your daughter, we study the following specification: **Edexcel GCSE Maths**

Thank you in advance for your support. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours faithfully,



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