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Dear Parent/Carer,

GCSE Mathematics Revision Programme

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the structured revision programme your son/daughter will be following in Mathematics from now until their GCSE exam. They will have copies of the programme and MathsWatch video references for themselves, as well as parental copies for you to keep.

As part of this programme, pupils will be required to complete a GCSE exam paper as homework each week. This will either be a paper copy for completion and then submission in class, or an online paper using Method Maths. Method Maths is a new online past paper website that pupils have been introduced to, and have completed papers already, as part of preparation for their recent mocks. These papers will test their comprehension of all topics needed for GCSE as well as developing problem solving and application skills. The completion of these homeworks to the best of their ability will prove extremely beneficial in securing their target GCSE grade. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated.

We would also strongly encourage pupils to take advantage of after school revision sessions. These regular extra sessions, which have already begun, run throughout the week 3.30 to 4.30p.m. A timetable of the sessions for each teacher can be found on the Maths revision page of the school VLE and displayed around the school. These sessions will be especially important for those students currently working towards their target grade, or those who are identified by their class teacher as being in need of additional support.

If pupils are absent and miss scheduled revision topics covered in maths lessons, they should see their teacher to ask what they have missed and how best to catch up with the work. This also applies to any missed homework papers issued.

In order to further support students, we have invested in Mathswatch (www.vle.mathswatch.com). This is an internet-based resource whereby students can watch videos and access interactive lessons on specific topics. All year 11 students have been provided with a username, password and the web address for this excellent resource. They will have already begun using this resource to revise and increase their understanding.

Thank you in advance for your support at this crucial stage. I must stress that simply working well, only in lessons, will not be sufficient to secure you son or daughter's target grade. Pupils must take the opportunities offered to them at school, and most importantly, input sufficiently "out of hours" to give themselves every chance to succeed.

If you have any questions regarding the Revision Programme, please do not hesitate to contact me at the College, or discuss with me/your son/daughter's Maths teacher further, at the second Parents Evening on 28th March.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S A Rowing'.

S A Rowing
Head of Mathematics