

January 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to bring to your attention a number of ways in which your child can improve the outcome in their Mathematics GCSE as we approach the examinations this summer.

All Year 11 students have now taken a full GCSE paper as part of their mock examinations in November. The most recent review gives an Estimated Final Grade based on their mock examination result. This has given them a clear idea of where they are currently and where they should be aiming for when they take the real examination in June. They should now have their copy of the exam paper which provides them with a good idea of which areas to work on in order to improve. They will also have made a note of key areas to improve on the inside cover of their exercise book.

All year 11 students have been given the opportunity to buy both Edexcel/Pearson's Revision Guide and Workbook in October. The ISBN numbers are as follows :-

Revise Edexcel GCSE Mathematics Spec A <u>Higher</u> Revision Guide	9781446900185
Revise Edexcel GCSE Mathematics Spec A <u>Higher</u> Revision Workbook	9781446900154
Revise Edexcel GCSE Mathematics Spec A <u>Found</u> Revision Guide	9781446900178
Revise Edexcel GCSE Mathematics Spec A <u>Found</u> Revision Workbook	9781446900147

These are an excellent help in preparing for the Mathematics GCSE examination in the summer, with all the topics covered. The Workbook matches up page for page with the Revision Guide. Regular revision every week over a long period of time will undoubtedly make a huge difference. If a student has not purchased one yet, we will be doing one more order just after the parents evening on Thursday 22nd January, although they can be purchased online at any time at a slightly higher cost.

We will do two more mocks, one in February and one in late March/early April which again will be an excellent opportunity for students to monitor their progress. Again, the papers will be available to take home and revise from shortly afterwards.

We have purchased access to an extremely good website called Maths Watch which provides students with video clips of teachers explaining how to do a GSCE topic with an accompanying worksheet attached for extra practice. To access this website go to www.mathwatchvle.com

Then put in :- CENTRE ID : wood
 USERNAME : wg123 (for example) (this will be a unique three digit number given to your child in lessons. If they don't have it, their Maths teacher can remind them of it)
 PASSWORD : square



Students will regularly be working on past papers in class, but more can be made available, if requested, and most papers are available online. The GCSE course we follow is Edexcel 1MA0 Linear.

We run a Maths Clinic every Wednesday afternoon at 2pm in A7 where Year 11 students are welcome to come and do some extra work (which they tend to bring themselves) with the support of at least one member of the Mathematics department in the room. We can find extra work if necessary.

Easter revision lessons will be taking place in the holidays and we will run a series of revision lessons as the examinations approach. This will include a 'walking talking mock' with a 'best fit' paper a few days before both the non-calculator and calculator papers in June.

If you have any other questions about how to help your child improve with their Mathematics please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mr Addy".

Mr Addy

Head of Mathematics