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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we near the end of the current academic year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of your child's learning in Mathematics.

The end of the school year provides an excellent opportunity for students to reflect on the learning that has taken place over the past year. Throughout the year, students have developed their mathematical knowledge, strengthened their problem-solving skills, and built the confidence needed to progress successfully through the curriculum. For our Year 9 students, this has also included making an excellent start to their GCSE Mathematics course, providing a strong foundation for the work they will continue in Years 10 and 11.

Following the recent end-of-year assessments, each student has been provided with a **bespoke PinPoint booklet**, carefully created to reflect their individual performance. These booklets identify areas of strength alongside any gaps in understanding and provide targeted questions to help students revisit topics that require further practice. The summer holiday offers an ideal opportunity for students to work through their PinPoint booklet, consolidate their learning, and return in September with greater confidence. Even short, regular periods of practice over the summer can make a significant difference to long-term retention and future success.

As we prepare for the new academic year, it is important that every student returns to school fully equipped for learning. Having the correct equipment enables students to engage fully in every lesson from the very first day and helps them to develop positive learning habits.

For Mathematics lessons, students should have:

- A scientific calculator.
- A ruler.
- A pencil.
- An eraser.
- Whiteboard pens.
- Black or blue writing pens.

If your child's scientific calculator needs replacing, we strongly recommend purchasing a model from the **Casio ClassWiz** range. These calculators are widely used in schools and are designed to support students throughout Key Stage 3, GCSE Mathematics and beyond. They offer several advantages, including:

- A high-resolution display that shows mathematical expressions clearly and naturally.
- Functions that support the mathematics curriculum, including fractions, powers, roots, standard form, trigonometry, statistics and equation solving.
- Quick and intuitive navigation, allowing students to work more efficiently and accurately.
- Consistency between classroom learning, homework and examinations, helping students become fluent in using the calculator's features.
- Excellent value, as they are suitable for GCSE study and many post-16 mathematics courses.

Becoming confident in using a scientific calculator is an important mathematical skill. Students who regularly use the same calculator throughout their studies develop greater fluency, save valuable time when solving problems, and are better prepared for assessments and examinations.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout this academic year. We wish you and your family a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back in September, ready for another successful year of learning.

Yours faithfully,

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