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Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Graded Revision Work

As we approach the end of Year 10, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on the progress they have made throughout the first two years of their GCSE Mathematics course. They have worked hard to develop the knowledge and skills needed for success, and we are now preparing for the most important stage of their GCSE journey.

Year 11 is a crucial year, with a strong focus on consolidating learning, revisiting key topics, and developing exam technique in preparation for the GCSE examinations. Regular practice, consistent attendance, and being fully equipped for lessons will play a significant role in helping students achieve their full potential.

Over the summer, we will be issuing each student with graded revision work. We expect students to independently work through all the questions and bring the completed work back in the Autumn term.

Students will be entered for the **Pearson Edexcel GCSE Mathematics** qualification. The examination consists of **three equally weighted papers**:

- **Paper 1:** Non-calculator
- **Paper 2:** Calculator
- **Paper 3:** Calculator

As **two-thirds of the examination requires the use of a calculator**, it is essential that every student has access to a reliable scientific calculator and becomes confident in using it well before the examinations. Familiarity with the functions of their calculator can save valuable time in exams and help students tackle more complex problems efficiently and accurately.

We strongly recommend that students use a calculator from the **Casio ClassWiz** range, such as the fx-83GT CW+ or fx-85GT CW+ solar.

These calculators are widely used in schools and offer several advantages, including:

- A clear, high-resolution display that makes mathematical expressions easier to read.
- Functions specifically designed to support the GCSE Mathematics specification, including fractions, surds, powers, standard form, trigonometry, statistics, and equation solving.

- Fast and intuitive navigation, allowing students to focus on solving problems rather than operating the calculator.
- Consistency between home study, classroom learning, and examinations, helping students build confidence and fluency.
- Long-term value, as these calculators are suitable for GCSEs and many post-16 mathematics courses.

We encourage you to ensure that your child has a suitable scientific calculator before the start of Year 11 so that they can make the most of every lesson and revision opportunity throughout the year.

If a student currently has a working scientific calculator, then this can still be used in the lessons.

Should you need to purchase a new one, then we would recommend the Classwizz range available from Amazon or high street supermarkets and shops.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we can ensure that our students are fully prepared to achieve the very best outcomes in their GCSE Mathematics examinations.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Malek
Head of Mathematics Department