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Dear Parent/Carer

GCSE Mathematics Exam Preparation Material

In this critical summer GCSE examination year, the Mathematics department have put together a collection of past examination papers for each student to use as revision material for the GCSE Maths exams. From our experience, completing as many past exam papers as possible helps students to gain confidence and achieve their full potential in the GCSE Maths exams.

Each student will be given an electronic copy of the exam paper, on a fortnightly basis, which will be used for home learning. If parents/carers could pay a contribution of **£6** towards the significant photocopying expenses, their child will have a paper copy and will be able to write on this. Whilst it is not compulsory to have a physical copy, in our opinion it does increase the effectiveness of the exam preparation, particularly where graphical diagrams are included. The paper schedule begins in October 2023, once payment has been received students will be given their papers.

Payment should be made via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, as soon as possible. If your child is in receipt of free school meals and/or is Pupil Premium, financial assistance is available, please contact the Finance Team at finance@backwellschool.net or via their direct line 01275 465941. Should you have any queries regarding ParentPay again please contact the Finance Team.

If you are looking to purchase a revision guide, we recommend '**Maths AQA Complete Revision and Practice**' by **CGP**: It retails at approximately £10 and you will need to choose Foundation or Higher tier.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the equipment required for Maths exams:

- Black pen
- Ruler
- Pencils
- Rubber
- Scientific calculator. Students need to be familiar with their calculator before using it in an exam. If you are looking to purchase one, the Casio fx-85GT CW is the most common calculator used by Year11 students.
- Protractor
- Compasses

The provisional dates of the 2024 GCSE Maths exams are:

- Thursday 16 May 2024 - Paper 1 (non-calculator paper)
- Monday 3 June 2024 - Paper 2 (calculator paper)
- Monday 10 June 2024 - Paper 3 (calculator paper)

If you require any further information, please contact your child's Maths teacher.

Yours sincerely

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