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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 - 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 pay a **contribution of £6** towards the significant photocopying expenses, their student 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. Throughout the rest of Year 11 they will each receive a minimum of 21 papers.

Payment should be made via www.parentpay.com, the school's online cashless payment system, as soon as possible. If you have any problems accessing the service, please contact the Finance Team on 01275 465941. If your child is eligible for pupil premium funding, we will pay the cost of these resources. The paper schedule begins in November 2026 – once payment has been received students will be given their papers.

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 or Casio fx-83GT CW are the most common calculators used by Year 11 students and the ones we would recommend.
- Protractor.
- Pair of compasses.

The provisional dates of the 2026 GCSE Maths exams are:

- Thursday 14 May 2026 Paper 1 (non-calculator paper)
- Wednesday 3 June 2026 Paper 2 (calculator paper)
- Wednesday 10 June 2026 Paper 3 (calculator paper)

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

Yours sincerely

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