

Dear Parent/Carer

As you are aware, this is a very important year for your child. To support your child in achieving their full potential in their GCSE Mathematics examinations in the summer, the Mathematics Department would like to work with you to ensure that your child is fully prepared. Therefore, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations and our plans to support your child this year.

Equipment

Your child must be fully equipped for all lessons every day. They will need a pen, pencil, ruler, rubber, sharpener and their Casio calculator. Please check that they have everything they need every day.

Punctuality and Attendance

It is important that your child arrives at all lessons on time, every day. If your child is absent from school for any reason, please encourage them to see their teacher before their next lesson, if possible, to find out what they have missed.

Homework

Homework will be set on Sparx Maths every Thursday for X band classes and due the following Thursday. For Z band classes, it will be set every Monday and due the following Monday. In order to have completed their homework, your child must score 100%. There are video tutorials for each question in the homework task and your child should watch the videos if they are unsure. If they need further support they can speak to their maths teacher or attend the Sparx Support Club every Wednesday and Friday from 3.10pm to 4pm in A057. You will receive a weekly email from Sparx Maths asking you to remind your child to complete their homework. If your child does not complete their homework by the deadline, a TC3 will be logged and they will be booked into the Sparx Support Club on either Wednesday or Friday from 3.10pm to 4pm; you will receive a text message informing you of this.

Revision Guides

Your child has been loaned a CGP Revision Guide. Your child should use this to support them with revision at home, and must return this after their final GCSE Mathematics examination in the summer.

Revision Sessions

There will be GCSE Mathematics intervention sessions from 3.20pm to 4pm every Thursday from Thursday 16th January 2025 until Thursday 13th February 2025. There will be no revision sessions after the February half term break, until after Easter; further details will follow closer to the time. Our data shows that students who attend revision sessions weekly, achieve or exceed their target grade. Therefore, it is vital your child attends weekly.

Exam Practice

All students will be doing Exam Practice during lessons this term; for Foundation classes this will be weekly and for Higher classes, this will be fortnightly. Students will sit in exam conditions and have 40 minutes to complete half of a past paper. Their maths teacher will then go through the questions, showing the mark scheme so that students are clear how marks are awarded.

Past Papers

We would like your child to continue to do half of a past paper at home every week, leading up to their summer exams. Papers will be uploaded for printing on Satchel:One every Thursday and are also linked in the table on the next page for this half term. Your child needs to complete the paper to the best of their ability during the week, and then at 7pm (Foundation) or 7.45pm (Higher) the following Thursday your child can watch a live tutorial of the paper being completed by a Maths teacher, Hannah Kettle, on Tik Tok or YouTube (@hannahkettlemaths). If your child is unable to join the live tutorial, they can scan the QR code on the paper to watch a recording of the live session afterwards.

| Date paper released | Date of live tutorial | Foundation (7pm to 7.45pm) | Higher (7.45pm to 8.30pm) |
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| Thursday 16th January 2025 | Thursday 23rd January 2025 | Week 16 | Week 16 |
| Thursday 23rd January 2025 | Thursday 30th January 2025 | Week 17 | Week 17 |
| Thursday 30th January 2025 | Thursday 6th February 2025 | Week 18 | Week 18 |
| Thursday 6th February 2025 | Thursday 13th February 2025 | Week 19 | Week 19 |
| Thursday 13th February 2025 | Thursday 27th February 2025 | Week 20 | Week 20 |

Mock Examinations

Revision lists for the upcoming Mock Examinations will be shared with your child and can be found by clicking on this [link](#). There is a Sparx revision list and a MathsWatch revision list so that students can choose the platform they prefer. Please encourage your child to start revising for these mock exams; all the hard work they put in now, will help to prepare them for their summer examinations too.

As with the Mock Examinations in November, after the Mock Exams in February/March, your child will receive personalised feedback for each paper they complete; this will highlight their strengths and weaknesses, and give them information on which Sparx videos they can watch to help them with their areas for development.

GCSE Mathematics Examinations

The dates of the summer GCSE Mathematics Examinations can be seen below.

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| Paper 1 | Non Calculator | Thursday 15th May 2025 | 9am to 10.30am |
| Paper 2 | Calculator | Wednesday 4th June 2025 | 9am to 10.30am |
| Paper2 | Calculator | Wednesday 11th June 2025 | 9am to 10.30am |

Like you, we want your child to be successful and we will support them in school to the best of our ability. In return, we expect your child to put 100% effort into their learning at all times.

If you have any questions, please speak to or email your child's Mathematics teacher.

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Thank you in advance for your support; by working together, we can ensure that your child achieves their full potential in this very important subject.

Yours sincerely,



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