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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the completion of the PPE's maths teachers are beginning the process of discussing with individual students what grade they need to be aiming for and how they can achieve it.

While all groups have found the new style of papers challenging, they have been a useful indicator in terms of which students are able to cope with the challenges of a higher tier paper and which students need to safeguard their grade on a foundation tier paper.

As teachers, we are aware that the new foundation tier paper now assesses up to a grade 5 (the approximate equivalent of an old grade B), while the higher paper starts at grade 5 and half the paper is made up of questions at the old A/A* standard. As a department, we need to make some difficult decisions about which tiers we will enter students at. We are keen to make these decisions in collaboration with the students and their parents however I would ask you bear in mind the above information when the decisions are made. If you have had older students who took GCSE maths previously you will not find it helpful to compare the decisions made about current year 11 students with those on the old system. A number of students who would have taken a higher tier old GCSE would have been entered for the foundation tier had they been sitting the new papers.

We will continue to review your child's progress and suitability for a particular tier of entry over the next few months before making a final decision in March.

In order to prepare our students for the new GCSE exams in mathematics I would like to outline a number of opportunities available to students:

1. Revision guides are available to purchase at a cost of £3. If you are interested in purchasing one please bring the money into school along with the reply slip at the bottom of this letter.
2. Students are encouraged to make use of the PiXL maths app to support their revision. Students have been given individual login details. The app identifies areas of weakness, targets these areas and tracks their progress.
3. A Year 11 Maths intervention google classroom has been set up Class Code: ca9f4fs which contains a wide variety of revision resources.
4. The maths department are offering drop in clinic in A16 from 3.05pm until 4.05pm on a Thursday and Friday 1.10pm until 1.45pm. Students are expected to come with specific questions or topics they need additional support with. These are not taught sessions and we expect any interested student to come prepared with their own material and identified areas for improvement.

If you would like to discuss anything further please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's maths teacher at the school.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Bell
Head of Key Stage 4 Mathematics



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MATHS REVISION GUIDE

Student Name: Tutor Group:

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

I would like to purchase the following revision guide:

Foundation Tier

Higher Tier

I enclose: Cost of **£3.00**

Signed Parent/Carer



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