

3 June 2015

Dear Parent/Carer

Very important Year 11 GCSE Mathematics Masterclass – Sunday 7 June 10:00 – 12:00

Within the Mathematics department we are delighted with how well students have been performing over the last few months in the run-up to their GCSE exams; the work that they have been putting in has been exceptional. **We write because on Sunday 7 June 10:00 until 12:00, the Mathematics Department are having a final, crucial morning revision session.** This is an opportunity for one last push ready for the **Mathematics Paper 2 exam on the morning of Monday 8 June.** This has always proven across our schools to be a crucial opportunity for teachers to have some final input into final exam preparations, particularly after students have completed Paper 1 earlier in the week.

The rationale for running this session on a weekend is to do with the unusual timings of the two Mathematics examination papers this year. As you will be aware, students sit Paper 1 on Thursday 4 June, therefore we have only a limited time between the two exams to prepare students for the second paper. It is common practice for mathematics teachers to carefully analyse Paper 1 once it has been sat in order to try to predict what content will be on Paper 2 as a result. We have found the examination board, as you might expect, tends not to repeat topic questions across both papers. This does therefore allow us to plan carefully for Paper 2 and focus on predicted key topics (and styles of question) for this calculator paper, to help secure students secure the strongest mark on the second paper.

Once we have seen Paper 1, by the following day we will have a good idea of what topics we can best prepare for and this will allow us to plan an in-depth revision session to the students on the Sunday. This really will be an invaluable session for them and will only be deliverable on the weekend, given the time needed for us to plan and prepare it ready for a Monday morning exam. So far student attitudes and commitment have been exceptional and your support as parents and carers has been fantastic too. Your help ensuring your son/daughter makes a commitment to attend on Sunday will obviously be critical and appreciated.

Can I also take the opportunity to remind you that we are providing a revision breakfast session ahead of both Mathematics papers too. These are at the following times, and turn-out has been fantastic at other sessions:

Thursday 4 June from 7.30am Monday 8 June from 7.30am

Thank you for your continued, and obvious support, it is very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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