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Dear Parent/Guardian

Re: Practice Papers for Mathematics Revision

As in previous years, the Mathematics department will be utilising practice papers as a key part of the revision programme this year. Historically, this has proved a successful way to get students used to answering exam style questions and prepare them for practice exams – many students have stated that the exams were 'Just like self-study, I have answered most of the questions before'. Students will be given a set of three papers before their practice exams in November and then a paper weekly after Christmas until their exams in the summer. These papers will normally be started in lessons and then completed as self-study and handed in the following week.

The vast majority of students welcome this support and wish to have their own set of papers to allow them to write on and copy down model answers after they have been completed and marked. Due to this, we ask for £5 per student to cover the cost of photocopying. The school does not profit from this sale. If your child has been identified as 'Pupil Premium' they are entitled to a free copy and will begin to receive these in October.

In addition to printed copies, we intend to send electronic versions of every paper to students through Google Classroom. This will allow students to go back to earlier papers and will also provide a backup option in the event of a paper being lost. Students are also encouraged to use our Maths Clinic to support with the completing of these. This runs Tuesday – Friday between 3.00-4.00pm in room 312.

For further information about supporting your child with their Year 11 Mathematics studies, please refer to pages 29 and 54-55 of the Parent Handbook.

As the whole year group is expected to complete these papers, the department have a very clear policy with regards to papers not being completed without extenuating circumstances. In the first instance, a student will be given a second chance to hand in the paper at the earliest opportunity, but further issues will result in an after school detention being set each time a paper fails to be handed in.

If you wish your son/daughter to have a set of practice papers, please would you send £5.00 to their Mathematics teacher. The money should be with your son/daughter's teacher by the Friday 1 October 2021.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school and speak to either myself or their class teacher.

Yours faithfully

Mr W Sleeman
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