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Dear Parent/Carer

As we reach the second half of this half term the Maths Department would like to inform year 11 parents of some key Maths information to help prepare your son or daughter in their GCSE studies.

## Staffing

As promised in our last post Ofsted parent meetings, we have worked hard to ensure we provide our students with consistent staffing in lessons. We now have a full team of 18 teachers and a Numeracy Coordinator. We will endeavour to ensure supply teaching is kept to a minimum and update you should there be any long-term changes in your son or daughter's Maths lessons.

## GCSE examination boards

The majority of students will follow the Edexcel specification, with some students studying the foundation tier exam and some the higher level. As we progress into this academic year, we will communicate the exact tier for your son or daughter. This will be based on a range of teacher assessments and practice exams to ensure each student sits the correct level. We are looking into a range of qualifications that best suits the needs of each student in the future.

## Revision sessions

The department runs after-school revision sessions that are based around particular exam topics. It is strongly recommended that your son or daughter attends these to ensure they get the best possible grade. These sessions run every Wednesday at 2.45pm in room 350 for foundation students and Thursday in room 352 for higher students. After Christmas revision will be on Wednesday and Thursday for both Higher and Foundation.

## Additional study resources

Those who attended the 'Parents for Progress' evening before the half-term break bought revision guides which will support home-study and it is recommended that these are purchased at a reduced price of £4.00. These can be purchased directly from the Maths department.

We also subscribe to the following additional revision websites which can further support:

## My Maths

[www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

Login: hansonch

Password: fourteen

Students will have individual logins as well

## Maths Watch VLE

[www.mathswatchvle.com](http://www.mathswatchvle.com)

Centre: hanson

Login and password: hanson123

## Communication

In the last post Ofsted parents meeting we also promised that we would work on improving the communication between the Maths department and home. Should you have any concern, question or feedback, you can access the department directly using the email link: [mathsandnumeracy@hansonacademy.org.uk](mailto:mathsandnumeracy@hansonacademy.org.uk).



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