



CANNOCK CHASE HIGH SCHOOL

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My Ref: CW/CAG

Your Ref:

Date:

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you are no doubt aware, your child will be sitting the new specification GCSE Mathematics examination in May/June 2017. As your child, may have admitted after the recent mock examinations, the new content included in the exam is much harder, with students expected to show a greater knowledge and understanding of a variety of topics at both Foundation and Higher Tier. For this reason, we felt it important to share with you the plan for the rest of this academic year, as well as some useful resources that students could be using at home. I cannot stress enough how vital it is for students to be completing independent work outside of the classroom – students cannot expect to achieve their best possible grade by completing only classwork.

Paper Outline

Students will sit three Mathematics papers this summer – the first being a non-calculator paper and the second two being calculator papers. All papers are worth 80 marks and last for 1 hour 30 minutes each. Any topic can come up on any paper.

Mock Examinations

Students have recently had a mock examination in Mathematics – students will sit a further mock examination (consisting of three papers) the week commencing 27 February. This will stretch over two weeks. Students need to be revising for this mock examination now.

Changes in Content

There are specific changes to topics at both tiers, which can be found on the school website. However, in general questions are becoming more related to real life. Students will be expected to be able to answer 'longer' questions, with more words and problems to decipher. Students are also now expected to remember all key formulae – which are again summarised on the website.

Resources

The following resources are useful for students when revising:

- Edexcel Revision Guides and Workbooks (available at school for £5 for both);
- My Maths (Login: Cannock; Password: algebra);
- Just Maths (both the website and the twitter feed);
- Corbett Maths and BBC Bitesize.

Thank you in anticipation of your support in what is a vital time for your child. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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