

13th May 2024

Dear Parents,

As we approach the formal exam period for Year 11, we wanted to share some information, advice and guidance to continue to help and support the students with Maths examination preparation. One piece of vital information is that we follow the Edexcel examination board and your child will be sitting either the FOUNDATION or HIGHER tier exam. This will be clearly indicated on their exam timetable, which they can access through MyHighcliffe.

In lessons across the last few weeks, students have been given topic-specific support; the best way to translate this learning into preparation for the exams is to work through examination style questions.

We have recently updated the Maths SharePoint area with some useful resources including: Aiming for Grade Papers, Practice Paper Sets, Ultimate Revision booklets, revision checklists and copies of the exam aids students will receive in their exams.

[KS4 Past Papers \(sharepoint.com\)](#)

We will continue to populate this folder with extra resources as the exams progress to provide extra support for Papers 2 and 3. Please ensure your child keeps an eye on their e-mails for updates during the exam window. In addition to this there are some fantastic free to access websites with access to practice questions, videos and worked solutions.

- <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/>
- <https://corbettmaths.com/2023/02/15/gcse-maths-summer-2023/>

Your child will also have received a 'Revision Workbook' from their teacher which is a write-in book with solutions. These include guided practice questions covering every topic across the GCSE specification; please ensure your child speaks to their teacher if they have not received this.

It is vital that your child has the correct equipment for each examination to ensure they are able to complete every type of question that may come up. There are particular geometry questions which require the use of a pair of compasses, a protractor and a ruler to carry our accurate measurement.

The following items are essential for the Maths examinations:

- Black pen (several)
- HB pencil (several, ensure they are sharp)
- Compass
- Protractor
- Ruler (with centimetres and millimetres clearly visible)
- Scientific Calculator (for Paper 2/3)
- Eraser

To further help support students, we are running 'exam breakfast' sessions on each morning before the three Maths exams. From 8.15 am, members of the Maths staff will be present in the Staff Room to provide some positive guidance and encouragement, and students are welcome to come along and enjoy some refreshments to help fuel them for the exams. These will run on each of the exam mornings:

- Thursday 16th May 2024 – Paper 1 (Non-calculator)
- Monday 3rd June 2024 – Paper 2 (Calculator)
- Monday 10th June 2024 – Paper 3 (Calculator)

Despite study leave starting at half term, teachers will remain available during students' timetabled lesson slots to support with revision during the exam window. We wish all our students the very best for the examinations.

Kind regards,



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