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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 GCSE Mathematics - Change of Exam Board

As part of our review of GCSE provision, we have taken the decision to swap Mathematics GCSE from the AQA exam board to the Edexcel exam board. All exam board specifications are required to cover content approved by the Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation (Ofqual), therefore the lesson content your child has experienced to-date remains directly relevant. We are making this switch of exam boards because, having experienced two years of the new specification, we believe the Edexcel examination papers are more clearly worded, giving students the opportunity to demonstrate their mathematical knowledge on problem-solving questions.

Any revision guides you may have purchased are still relevant to maths skills and questions. Online access to Mathswatch, provided through school, is available to support students and is relevant to all exam boards and class teachers will provide specimen papers in the new style to all students in Year 11. We will be holding an additional Raising Achievement Evening, focusing on English and Maths only, on Thursday 30 January from 6.45pm to 7.45pm in the Hall. This will be in addition to the existing Raising Achievement Evening, on Thursday 16 January, which will provide a greater understanding for parents and carers of how to help students revise and succeed in the other GCSE exams. We would thoroughly recommend attending both events in order to fully support your son/daughter. Further information will be provided in due course.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely

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