

3rd October 2025

Dear Parent/Carer(s)

Re: Supporting Your Child's Maths Preparation – Year 11 Assessments and December Mock Examinations

As we begin this important academic year, we want to ensure all Year 11 students are fully supported as they prepare for their upcoming **half term assessments** and the **December mock examinations**. These assessments are critical in identifying strengths and areas for improvement as your child works towards their **GCSE Maths examination in 2026** under the **Edexcel** examination board.

To help your child build confidence and good study habits, we are encouraging all students to engage in **20–30 minutes of focused Maths revision each day**. This approach, if followed consistently, will not only prepare them for their assessments this term but also lay the groundwork for long-term success in their GCSEs.

What Should Students Do?

We have put together a simple and effective revision routine using a combination of trusted, freely available online resources. Students should use either the Maths Genie website or the First Class Maths website, but not both at the same time.

Tasks	'5-a-day' Starters	Topic Revision
Websites	Corbettmaths	Maths Genie or First Class Maths
Links	https://corbettmaths.com/5-a-day/gcse/	https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk https://firstclassmaths.com
Instructions	Students should: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Select the correct date (e.g. 3rd October) Choose the correct tier (<i>Higher</i> or <i>Foundation</i>) Attempt the five short questions Self-mark the starter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students should use downloadable worksheets and self-mark these. 20 to 30 minutes per day will help to develop exam technique and identify weak areas. Tutorial videos are also available on Maths Genie website.

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Another recommended website is the 'Third Space Learning'

- <https://thirdspacelearning.com>

This website provides additional resources to reinforce learning and can be used alongside the platforms above.

Choosing the Right Topics

To make revision purposeful, students should focus on topics:

- Listed on the **Year 11 Maths Google Site**
(<https://sites.google.com/ashmole.online/year-11-resources/maths/course-information-maths/scheme-of-work?authuser=0>)
- Highlighted in their **Personal Learning Checklists**, which are stuck into their exercise books.

How You Can Help at Home

We encourage you to support your child's learning by:

- Encouraging them to complete 20–30 minutes of revision each day
- Checking that they are using the correct tier (Foundation or Higher)
- Asking what they revised that day — discussing it helps reinforce learning
- Reminding them to mark their work and reflect on mistakes
- Supporting a calm, consistent environment for home study

Establishing these habits now will help your child feel more confident in upcoming assessments and be much **more prepared for their GCSE examinations in Year 11**.

October Half Term

We will be sending a full GCSE paper home with students to complete during the half term break. The focus of this will be examination practice as well as identifying gaps in knowledge. The mark scheme will be set on Google classroom during the second week and students should self-assess the paper. Students should then ensure they revise, as detailed above, the topics they did not do well in.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. If you have any questions about your child's revision or would like additional guidance, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me through the school office.

Yours faithfully



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