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Dear Parent /Carer

RE: GCSE Mathematics outcomes

As you will be aware this is the first year of a new syllabus for GCSE mathematics and there is national uncertainty about grade boundaries. A number of different sources have provided the school with their predictions of where these will be and the practice papers to support this. These have been the ones used by the department to best assess where pupils are and where their learning needs to be targeted. The examination boards have finally released their own versions of similar papers and boundaries. As a result we will be using these papers to enter the students into a final mock for all Year 11 during the first week back after half term. This will then allow us to have the most accurate information possible to plan the final months of their courses and the topic areas to most closely focus on.

The mock examinations will consist of all three papers and will be taken in the hall, under examination conditions.

The dates for these are:

Tuesday 21st February 2017

Wednesday 22nd February 2017

Thursday 23rd February 2017

Further information for revision:

There has been additional mathematics support available throughout the year and this will continue until the final GCSE exam for all students. This takes place on Wednesday and Thursday lunch times and Wednesday after school from 15:00 – 16:00. Can all parents join us in encouraging their children to attend this support.

Students can also make use of **Mathswatch** which gives a video clip to revise every topic that can be expected in the final GCSE examination. Students can also access questions and mock papers as a revision tool for the final GCSE exam from this site.

The school has also bought a licence from GCSE pod for all students to use on their mobile devices and they have been logged on to this during tutor times. The information as to how to access and use this resource is on the school website and members of staff would be happy to show anyone how to use it.

Yours faithfully

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