



The Kings of Wessex Academy

Getting the best out of everyone

September 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

I am writing to inform you that we will be asking all Year 11 students to sit a GCSE exam paper during the first week back after the October half term. This will be a calculator paper and occur in lesson time. 11X will take the paper on Tuesday the 7th of November and 11Y on Wednesday the 8th of November

This is an important exam as it will enable us to assess where students are at this point in the year and help us ensure students are in the correct class working towards the correct tier of entry (Foundation or Higher).

For this test classes

11YK, 11YI, 11XK, 11XI will be taking the Higher paper.

11XN, 11XG, 11XS, 11YN, 11YG and 11YS will be taking the Foundation paper.

As you are aware the New Maths GCSE has a big emphasis on problem solving, communication, proof and interpretation. Students are able to achieve a grade 1 to 5 on the Foundation paper and a grade 4 to 9 on the Higher paper. 50% of the Higher paper is aimed at grades 7- 9.

All Year 11 revision resources can be found on the Year 11 revision page of Firefly. Students need to go to Subject – Maths – Year 11 GCSE Revision.



On this page students can find:

- All the Edexcel exam papers and mark schemes. There are also links to YouTube video solutions for a number of these papers.
- A list of the topics in the Higher and Foundation syllabus
- The formulae they need to learn
- Links to Mr Barton Maths and Corbett Maths where students can find videos on each topic and topic specific sets of past exam questions
- Link to Method Maths where students can complete the exam papers electronically. Centre ID is tkwa, User name = firefly number and password = first name (lower case)

We will also be placing a school order for packs of revision cards, these packs contain 90 cards. Each card contains key facts, a link to a video, past exam questions and solutions. They are available for both Higher and Foundation tier and are priced at £6.25 each. We will be placing the order on the 20th of September, therefore if your child would like to order a pack they need to pay at reception before this date. Further details on the cards can be found here <https://corbettmaths.com/revision-cards/>

Thank you for your ongoing support and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Yours sincerely

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