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23 April 2021

Dear Parent /Carer,

Thank you for attending Parents' Evening. I hope you found the feedback informative.

I thought it would be useful to summarise the feedback and confirm the arrangements for both teaching of maths lessons and assessment of student progress for the rest of the year, especially if any parents and carers were unable to attend this evening.

Maths teachers are focussing on how students can reach their full potential and secure their best possible maths GCSE result. As you will now know, students need an evidence folder to make sure that the grade awarded is supported by the work students have produced. Teachers are not able to talk about grades specifically, but I can explain what will happen over the next few months as students move towards the completion of their GCSE.

So, teachers will continue to teach the GCSE content and will focus on the important topics highlighted by the exam board. Each lesson will cover a variety of questions, all within the same topic during the course of a week. Teachers will also set revision work in MathsWatch - this will form part of the evidence portfolio so it's very important that it is done to the best of every student's ability. Teachers will make sure the MathsWatch tasks remain unlocked so students can go back to the assignment on several occasions and try to improve it. Students can of course ask their class teacher for help - there is full support whilst doing classwork and ILT.

Once the classwork and ILT has been done, there will be a weekly assessment to see how well students have coped with the work that has been revised in the previous week. This will be a silent task for students and has to be their own independent work. They cannot have help from another student or from the class teacher during this assessment. No grades will be fed back to students for these weekly assessments, but the results will form part of the evidence we use to award their Centre Assessed Grade. It's really important therefore that students do not miss lessons, that they do all of the work that is set in class and at home, and that if students do miss work for any reason, they make a big effort to catch it up. They should speak to their class teacher about missed work and how to catch up.

There will be **five** assessments spaced out weekly and the questions students will be set will be the right level for their target grade.

The dates for these assessments are as follows:

- Wednesday 28th April
- Wednesday 5th May
- Wednesday 12th May
- Wednesday 19th May
- Wednesday 26th May

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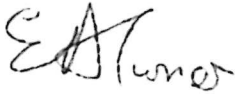
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Content will be revised in class and via MathsWatch assignments in preparation for the assessment in class each Wednesday.

I hope the above is informative and useful. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Turner'.

Elaine Turner  
*Head of Mathematics*

As already confirmed by Mr Mitchell:

- Grades are based on evidence that we have. Therefore these assessments **matter** and they must be working hard to prepare for them (just as they would if this were a normal year)
- In a 'normal' year students would be approaching 'peak revision' now. This is the same for this year and they should be working hard.