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Dear Parents

I am writing to give you some details of the format of the Mathematics exam at CE and to inform you of 2 new resources which I feel would greatly benefit your child within their Mathematics.

At CE, pupils will sit two papers, one non-calculator and one calculator, each lasting 60 minutes. They will also sit a mental test lasting up to 20 minutes. The non-calculator and calculator papers are set at 3 levels: Level 1, Level 2 and Level 3.

Level 1 is aimed at those pupils who struggle a little and would typically score less than 40% on Level 2 papers. Level 2 papers is taken by the majority of pupils, this will be the majority of set 3, all of set 2 and a few in set 1. Level 3 tests the extended syllabus and will be taken by the majority of set 1. The mental test is common to all three Levels.

I have put together a document which shows you the content and depth of topic needed to be learnt for each Level. I have attached this for you and will be given to each pupil so that they are aware of the topics and can tick off when they feel comfortable in their understanding. This will also be available on the website.

The 2 new resources which I recommend are as follows:

- Mathematics ISEB Revision Guide 3rd Edition by Stephen Froggatt and David Hanson, ISBN: 9781907047015

This contains the syllabus for 11+ and 13+, examples, summaries and test yourself questions

- Maths Practice Exercises 13+ by David Hanson, ISBN: 9781907047336 and Maths Practise Exercises 13+ Answer Book ISBN: 9781907047466

These provide past questions at all levels for pupils to work through. Both of these resources can be looked at and ordered through www.galorepark.co.uk or you can wait till the start of term and I will be asking if you would like to order them centrally through the school.

A further resource that we use frequently at school is www.mymaths.co.uk this is a good revision tool for the summer holidays. The pupils know the login and password.

I hope that you have a very enjoyable Summer.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jane Ashfold', written in a cursive style.

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