

23rd May 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

GSCE Maths Exams

During half term, and following the first of the three GCSE Maths exams (the first being tomorrow Thursday - 24th May), many companies release a predicted second exam paper. In the past the questions they have predicted have proved extremely useful in preparing students for the second examination.

I want every student to have the best possible chance of securing their best grade and therefore I want all Year 11 students, where possible, to come into school on:

Tuesday 29th May: 10:00 am - 13:30 pm

for us to go through a predicted paper with them and also give them another to take away for practice.

You are probably aware that in the last year the examinations have greatly increased in difficulty. This means that marks achieved on the exam paper will be scaled up - which makes every mark on the exam more important than ever.

Due to the half term being in between the first two exams, even more schools than normal will be getting students in to do this type of preparation. It is therefore **highly recommended** that your daughter attends the half term session - as results are not based on the paper itself but on how each student compares with all the other students nationally.

Following this second exam, the third "predicted" paper is released- which we will also have ready to go through with your daughter.

I thank you in advance for your support in helping us deliver the last few bits of support we can.

Yours faithfully

Mark Alletson
Director of Mathematics

