



# Year 11 Maths (Mrs Smith)

What you need to know as parents



# GCSE Maths

- All students will sit GCSE maths
- The exam board we use is AQA (code **AQA 8300**)
- Higher or foundation tier.
  - This will be decided based on practice exam performance and classwork
- PPEs will be sat in March to determine the tiering



# Which tier?

- **Foundation** tier covers grades from **1 to 5**
- **Higher** tier covers grades from **4 to 9**
- It is easier to get a grade 4 or 5 on the foundation tier
  - Colleges/universities/employers will not know if you sat higher or foundation tier



# Calculators

- All students **MUST** have a calculator
- It **MUST** be able to do trigonometric functions and scientific functions
- We recommend **Casio** calculators
  - They are easier to use
  - Can be purchased via ScoPay
- Your child needs to learn how to use their calculator before the exam, so get it now and bring it every lesson



# Other vital equipment

This can all be purchased on ScoPay

- Pens
  - Pencils
  - Ruler
  - Protractor
  - Compasses
  - Rubber
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- Bring them EVERY lesson!

# Remember that in order to learn maths you have to do maths



- Going through one example is not going to mean that you understand it
- **Practice, practice, practice.** Answering lots and lots of questions will help you master it.
- Come back to that topic after a couple of weeks. Make sure that you still remember it
- **Flash cards and mind maps are not as helpful in maths.** Answering many, many question is far better.
- Best way to remember is to teach someone else!



# What should your child be doing now?

- Using **Sparx Maths** (homework) to revisit prior learning
  - what was covered last year and making sure this is understood
- Using a AQA GCSE Maths revision guide to help refresh your memory of what has been covered in the past
  - Can be purchased via ScoPay
- Using Corbett Maths 5 a day to support knowledge transferring into long-term memory
- Practice exam questions on Corbett Maths & Maths Made Easy



# Corbett Maths 5 a day

- [5-a-day GCSE 9-1 – Corbettmaths](#)





# Maths Made Easy

- [GCSE Maths Revision | Past Papers | Worksheets | Online Tests \(mmerevise.co.uk\)](https://www.mmerevise.co.uk)

Questions?



If you have specific questions regarding helping your children to prepare for examinations in Maths then please don't hesitate to email me or Mrs Purdy:

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