Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Math’s department update**

It has been wonderful to welcome students back after the May Half term break. Their enthusiasm for learning and the way they’ve quickly settled back into school routines has been fantastic to see.

We would like to take this opportunity to share an update from the Maths department.

We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Storey on a phased return after a period of absence. The rest of the Maths team with remain the same for this half term, with myself, Mr Allden, Ms Sahbaz and Mr Hodgson. Classes are therefore benefitting from more consistent Maths teaching. We have been very fortunate to have Mr Holder (who used to work at MVC as a Maths teacher) and Miss Reeves from Cambourne Village College, working with certain classes too. For the time being, I will continue to lead the Maths department to support Mrs Storey’s return, so please do direct any Maths related questions either to class teachers or myself.

This week, Mr Mark Dawes, Associate Teaching Professor in Mathematics Education at the University of Cambridge’s Faculty of Education, taught a large number of our Year 10 students a post 16 taster lesson, with a real focus on exploring maths problems in different ways. The Mr Dawes is highly regarded for his expertise in maths education, and we are delighted that he will work with some more classes next week too.

**KS3 End of Term Assessments and Curriculum information**

Towards the end of this term students in years 7 to 9 will have an end of term Maths assessment. The topics to be assessed will be number, ratio, algebra and geometry. The exact dates of these will be published on go4schools, along with further revision guidance, but will be during week beginning 7th July.

Key information about what your child is studying can be found on our website here: [MVC Maths Curriculum](https://www.melbournvc.org/parent-carer-and-student-information/our-curriculum/maths.php). Many parents find the learning logs particularly helpful – these provide an overview of the key concepts covered each term. Students have a fresh copy of the Term 3 learning log stuck into their books.

**Year 10 Maths exam information**

Students will be doing their Year 10 mock examination in Maths on the following dates:

Paper 1 – Tues 24th June (non-calculator)

Paper 2 – Thurs 26th June (calculator)

Revision guidance has been sent to all parents and is available for all Year 10 students on go4schools. All topics will be covered in these Year 10 exams – we follow AQA exam board.

**Homework**

Homework will continue to be set weekly on Sparx Maths. Teachers will review this regularly to identify key areas for review in class. Sparx Maths offers videos that support students with questions as well as extension work.

**Revision Materials**

- Sparx Maths is a useful tool to continue to revise from
- bbc bitesize: h<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z8sg6fr>

- Corbett Maths – practice exam questions (with solutions), revision videos, revision checklists (with individual video links)

               - Higher: [https://corbettmaths.com/2023/02/15/aqa-gcse-higher-revision/](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fcorbettmaths.com%2f2023%2f02%2f15%2faqa-gcse-higher-revision%2f&c=E,1,QI5A1vTdXLe_91GYe_Wu_CtV3YHcCs4O1UMzNMYIv3FWD1l2gZKgTv7pifSRlbbWHzGpcY_MBEE3PNLd_L7FM2boDQ73IDT9z-48QMUfmxNb&typo=1)

               - Foundation: [https://corbettmaths.com/2023/02/15/aqa-gcse-foundation-revision/](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fcorbettmaths.com%2f2023%2f02%2f15%2faqa-gcse-foundation-revision%2f&c=E,1,TLncDV8Lua0M6SpJHWL6I9m1umdCRLIaqtL_JedFUV4mQCOt_kYApgejHiP8hFDJ-uUcQmvppRJGo_YyXiNJTDW2WJwpDreHcsfuswJie94,&typo=1)

- AQA website past papers students can use too: [https://www.aqa.org.uk/find-past-papers-and-mark-schemes?subject=Mathematics](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=https%3a%2f%2fwww.aqa.org.uk%2ffind-past-papers-and-mark-schemes%3fsubject%3dMathematics&c=E,1,gUx8EmcyvzwIGHwm-fLoxBKZCxhcKfym0-56Db3VvdrzNVm1CgFznf1NyI1qeULRDLZq-j9fFQIQ_x6VTEI8ZDp9KhandxRZvdqQZJguY0JAaSly&typo=1)

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are fully committed to ensuring every student receives the high-quality Maths education they deserve.

Yours faithfully,

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