



ST. AIDAN'S

CHURCH OF ENGLAND HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11

In the run up to the GCSE exams the Maths department are often asked about the best ways to revise for the Maths GCSE. As you were probably told at parents evening the best way to improve in Maths is to "do some sums." This is easy for us to say but with the wide variety of revision guides and advice available I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify what the Maths department would consider to be good revision for our subject. All our students have now sat a full set of GCSE exams; these will provide students with a good indication of how their revision is going and help identify areas where further revision is necessary.

This is by no means an exhaustive list and we understand that our students have a range of commitments and priorities that will determine how much time they can devote to our subject. This is designed to help our students and their parents find some high quality revision resources.

- Complete as many practice paper questions as possible. These should be attempted and marked using the resources on Moodle. Any specific issues should then be brought to the Maths department so that we can help. The more familiar you are with the GCSE exam style the better.
- Complete the problem solving homework every week that is uploaded to Moodle on a Monday. If possible discuss it with other members of the class to see if there are other methods or solutions.
- Log on to the diagnostic questions website every day. 2 multiple choice questions are added daily. This is perfect practise for the first few questions on each paper.
- Each week a new set of Justmaths questions with answers will be added to moodle. This is an excellent way to revise a small number of topics each week using exam style questions. Any specific issues should then be brought to the Maths department so we can help.
- Work through the Justmaths crossover worksheets. The worksheets and solutions are available on the justmaths website alongside videos explaining how to answer every question. Any specific issues should then be brought to the Maths department so we can help.

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In general what is important, regardless of the materials they choose to use, is that when revising our students:

1. do some Maths,
2. check their answers,
3. seek help with the questions they got wrong or struggled with.

We hope that the information above will help you to support the work we are doing in school with your sons/daughters.

Yours faithfully

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