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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re. GCSE Maths Assessment – 20th February 2018

On 20th February 2018, your child will be completing their GCSE Baseline assessment in Maths, which consists of one non-calculator paper with a maximum mark of 50. This exam is the first part of your child's preparation for their GCSE exams next summer as the results will enable us to identify areas for early support and give us the first indication of the tier of exam your child is most likely to be entered for. We will also use the results of this exam to regroup year 10 students into higher and foundation sets. It is essential that your child works hard in lessons and completes all revision to do well in these exams.

Key Information about GCSE Maths

- Maths exams have 2 tiers available: higher and foundation.
- The higher tier covers Grades 4 to 9 (Top 40% of the cohort)
- The foundation tier covers Grades 1 to 5

Preparing for the assessment – Revision at Home

In order to help with preparation for this exam, we have uploaded the topic list with **Maths watch** video numbers onto Show my Homework. Maths watch is an online facility which contains over 220 videos, complete with step by step practice questions. In addition it contains exam style questions to practice with answers. The online facility is available on any phone, tablet or computer with internet access. Access can be gained by typing Mathswatch.co.uk into any search engine.

Login: first initial of first name followed by the surname @tas

(E.g. John Smith would be jsmith@tas)

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Each video lasts 3 to 5 minutes and questions can take another 15 minutes to complete. It is advised that students complete at least 2 topics per day at home. Please ask your child to speak to their teacher if there are any issues with website access.

We look forward to your support in ensuring that your child is thoroughly prepared for their exam.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Nair

Head of Maths