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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Maths Mock Exams/Revision Breakfasts – Wednesday/Friday this week

I thought I would write to explain some of the details ahead of the Year 11 mathematics mock exams later on this week. As you will be aware, students have mock Paper 1 on the morning of Wednesday 2 March, and Paper 2 on the morning of Friday 4 March. This is another chance for colleagues in the mathematics department to accurately assess students and plan specific intervention ready for the final exams in June.

In preparation for the mock exam on Wednesday and Friday, **we will be running early morning revision breakfast for students. The revision sessions will take place from 7.30 am on Wednesday and Friday mornings** and students will work up until around 8.00 am. We will then provide them, for free, with a bacon, sausage or egg sandwich, or toast or toasted bagel, and also either orange juice, tea or coffee ahead of their exam that morning. The intention is to get students fully prepared by running through some crucial exam techniques, as well as having a hot breakfast to help keep them going through the morning exam. This is how we plan on operating for the real exams in May/June, where breakfasts will be provided free for students, for at least the English, maths, science and RE examinations that take place in the mornings.

Students will be getting their maths mock results next week in a motivation results assembly, so that we can make the experience of collecting their grades as real as it would be in the summer. This seems to have worked so far this year on the last two occasions. **During this assembly students will be given an additional revision materials. You will be aware that Year 11 have already been provided with access to Mathswatch video clips and online MyMaths log-in information and many are regularly using these resources for revision.**

We would like more students to use MyMaths effectively ahead of the June examinations. To help support this, we will soon be offering another chance for parents/carers to come into school for a **'MyMaths Master Class'**, run by the Mathematics department in school. This is a chance to show you how MyMaths can be successfully used for independent study at home. During this evening, Mr Upex will give a short presentation on using MyMaths in the main hall and answer any questions, before moving everyone into a computer suite. Parents will then get the chance to try out the software, with staff on hand to give advice and answer any queries. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to use MyMaths to help support your son/daughter at home, as they continue to work independently and take further control of their studies.

If you have any questions about initiatives we have in place to support Year 11 within mathematics, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Upex, Head of Maths p.upex@bydales.outwood.com
Thank you for your continued support of all we are trying to do to secure your child the very best outcomes.

Yours sincerely



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