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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Y11 Mathematics Enrichment – Every Thursday 2:30 – 3:30pm**

As you may have seen, in 2017 Outwood Academy Bydales students once again surpassed the best ever results in the history of school, with 75% of students achieving at least a grade 5 in both English and mathematics for example, and 85% achieving at least a grade 4 in both too.

Within mathematics we achieved outstanding results of 90% grade 4 and above (old measure of a grade C) and 83% grade 5 and above (old measure of a grade B). On average students last year secured a 'Progress' score of +1.08. This result means that on average, all students left Outwood Academy Bydales achieving over a grade higher in GCSE mathematics than is nationally expected, compared to their starting points from primary school. This was the result of hard work and commitment between staff and students. Students who achieved or exceeded their target grade did so with giving time both in and out of school.

We have found over the years that one of the most effective and helpful ways for students to achieve or increase their grade in mathematics is by attending Mathematics Enrichment every Thursday after school, between 2.30pm and 3.30pm. This gives students an extra hour per week with a mathematics specialist to work on past examination and problem solving questions and also to consolidate their learning. The high attendance at mathematics Enrichment sessions was one of the reasons that we saw such fantastic results as a year group and why many students had individual successes. We regularly achieve over 90% attendance by the year group, and in feedback from Y11 after the examinations, was that these sessions were seen as particularly useful.

Attendance to these sessions is open to every student in Year 11 and is optional, however some students who are below their target grade in lessons and are not regularly attending, will be encouraged to do so by Mr Wappat and his Senior Leadership Team.

Your support as always is greatly appreciated in this matter.

Yours faithfully



Paul Upex  
Head of Mathematics

Teacher	Room	Grades
Mr Porteous (11X1)	109	7/8/9
Mr Ing (11X2)	113	6/7/8
Mr Upex (11X3)	110	5/6/7
Miss Ferris (11X4)	111	4/5
Mrs Fish (11X5)	112	3/4/5

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