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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 11 Mock Examination and Revision Breakfast – Thursday/Friday this week

I thought I would write to explain some of the details ahead of the next Year 11 mathematics mock in the sports hall towards the end of this week. As you will be aware, students have mock Paper 1 on the afternoon of Thursday 5 March, and Paper 2 on the morning of Friday 6 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 Friday, **we will be running an early morning revision breakfast for students**. The revision session will take place from 7:30 am on Friday morning and students will work up until 8:00 am. We will then provide them with either a bacon, sausage or egg sandwich and also a bottle of water to take into 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 June, where breakfasts and water will be provided free for students, for the English and mathematics examinations at least.

Students will be getting their maths mock results the following week on Friday 13 March in a motivation results assembly, so that we can make the experience of gathering 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 guide and revision workbook to take home, along with a maths study schedule leading up to their June examinations.** You will be aware that Year 11 have already been provided with a Mathswatch CD and online MyMaths log-in information and many are regularly using these resources.

We would like more students to use MyMaths effectively ahead of the June examinations. To help support this, we are offering a chance for parents/carers to come into school on **Wednesday March 18 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 the numerous initiatives we have in place to support Year 11 within mathematics, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Upex, Acting Head of Maths on 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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