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Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Opportunities for Year 11

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself, Mr Houldsworth and Mr Nagata who have joined the Maths team at Highbury Grove.

Maths teaching staff 2016-2017

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| Mr David Shemoon | Head of Maths | Mr Fred Badu | Teacher of Maths |
| Ms Rachel Murgatroyd | KS5 Coordinator | Mrs Sukhi Dhillon | Teacher of Maths |
| Mr Harry McNeill Adams | KS4 Coordinator | Mrs Buchi Ijeh | Teacher of Maths |
| Mr Angus Macwhinnie | KS3 Coordinator | Mr James Nagata | Teacher of Maths |
| Mr Tony Mullik | Review and Development | Mr Lawrence Houldsworth | Teacher of Maths |

We are all very excited to have joined the Highbury Grove Mathematics Department and are very much looking forward to seeing your children develop their maths skills and enjoying their maths lessons. So far I have been very impressed with the attitudes of students and their motivation and determination to succeed. I would like to outline some key opportunities we will be providing students with over the coming year and other important bits of information.

Morning support sessions

Every morning of the week all year 11 students have the opportunity to attend additional maths support sessions. These sessions will be held in MA8 from 8.00am until 8.30am daily. Students are advised to bring work they would like help with and Maths teachers will be on hand to support. From experience, morning support sessions have been one of the most productive and beneficial initiatives I have run for students.

Y11 Mock Schedule

Year 11 students will sit four mocks this year so that students and teachers are fully aware of the likely outcome a student will attain in their GCSE Maths exam. After each mock an in depth analysis will be conducted for each student looking into areas of strength and weakness. This will be a key way in which we provide specific and targeted support to your child.

| Mock Number | Date (week beginning) | Number of Papers | Location |
|-------------|---------------------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1 | 31 st October | 1 (Non-Calc only) | Main Hall |
| 2 | 28 th November | 2 | Main Hall |
| 3 | 23 rd January | 2 | Main Hall |
| 4 | March | 3 | Main Hall |

Useful online resources

Mathswatchvle.com – maths clips instructing students on how to tackle various maths topics. Your child should have a log in to Mathswatch. These have been e-mailed to all students in Year 11 via Google Classroom.

Mathsgenie.co.uk – a collection of past paper and categorised exam questions with answers provided as well.

Mr Barton Maths Takeaway-A collection of former GCSE questions categorised by topic with videos and answers included.

Calculators

It is imperative all students have their own calculator that they bring to all maths lessons and use at home to complete homework. If your child does not currently own a calculator they are available for purchase from the Maths Department for £5.

Homework

Homework is a crucial element to a student's success in their GCSEs. Please support your child by ensuring they have an allocated time in which they complete their Maths homework and any additional maths study based on the online resources above. If your child needs any help with homework they should attend morning support sessions to ensure they can complete it.

Parents' Maths information morning

I would like to offer any parent the opportunity to come in and meet with me to discuss their child and the plan for the year ahead. Rather than a specific presentation at a given time I will be available on **Friday 30th November from 1.30pm until 3.00pm** to meet parents or guardians of any year 11 student. If you would like to come in at this time please let me know via email. My email address is included below.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Maths.

Best wishes,

Mr Shemoon

Head of Maths

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