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Dear parents/carers

**Re: GCSE Mathematics**

As part of our continued effort to do everything possible to support our Year 11 students in the run up to their exams, last week the year group sat an OCR Mathematics paper. There is no difference between the content of the Edexcel and OCR exam papers but students have reported to us that the OCR paper was more accessible and the way in which the questions are structured means that they were able to access higher marks.

This has been confirmed by our sample marking which demonstrates that students improved on their March PPE performance as a result of this change of format.

Consequently, we have taken the decision to enter the year group for the OCR paper this summer. It is important to note that there are no differences in terms of subject content, the revision guides that students already have are perfectly adequate and the final exams are on exactly the same days at the same times.

There will be no changes to our teaching or revision programmes but, if by making a change to the chosen exam board we can assist students in making the best of their knowledge, then I am confident that it will be worthwhile.

If you have any questions in regards to this, please feel free to contact your child's maths teacher.

Yours faithfully

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