
Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of our ongoing support for Year 11 students preparing for their GCSE Maths examinations, we will be using Half Past Papers as part of their weekly revision alongside the existing Sparx homework.

Half Past Papers are short, focused practice papers created by Hannah Kettle, an experienced Head of Maths and GCSE examiner. Each paper is designed to take approximately 45 minutes, providing students with manageable but purposeful exam-style practice.

A particularly useful feature is the QR code on the front of each paper. Students can scan this to access a full video walkthrough, explaining how to approach and solve each question. Free live YouTube sessions are also available on Thursday evenings, giving students further opportunities to follow along and ask questions.

What will students need to do?

Students will:

- Receive a Half Past Paper every Week.
- Complete the paper independently during the following week.
- Use the QR code and video walkthrough if they need additional support.
- Bring their completed paper to their Maths lesson the following week.

How can you help?

We would really appreciate your support in encouraging your child to:

- Set aside time each week to complete their Half Past Paper.
- Attempt every question, even if they are unsure.
- Use the QR-code video support to check their understanding and learn from mistakes.
- Attend the free live sessions or watch the recordings when additional support would be helpful.
- Remember to bring their completed paper to school each week.

Regular exam practice is one of the most effective ways for students to improve their confidence, identify areas they need to work on and become more comfortable with GCSE-style questions.

We hope that building this simple weekly routine will help our Year 11 students feel increasingly confident and well prepared as they approach their GCSE examinations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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