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Dear parent/carer

Re: Maths mock papers

We have had some feedback from parents who have shared their concerns about the change to the order of the three Maths mock GCSE papers currently being taken by year 11.

The reason we usually present anonymised papers to the students is to prevent them from looking at mock papers online in advance.

If students plan their revision following sight of the mock papers, it gives a false impression of their current knowledge. This, in turn, prevents us from preparing them properly for the real GCSE in May/June.

Therefore, we have changed the order of the mock papers to give us the most accurate and unbiased picture of student attainment in the circumstances.

The potential content of all three papers remains the same and students know from their classwork which topics can only be answered on a calculator paper. Their preparations should therefore be unchanged.

This was communicated well in advance of the mock window to all students through assemblies, tutor sessions and lessons, therefore, students should have been well aware of this and we apologise if this was not advised to parents in advance.

I hope this alleviates any concerns you have.

Yours faithfully

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