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Dear Parent/Carer

Practice Paper Booklets

We are fast approaching the revision stage of your son's GCSE Mathematics course; a vital part of this process is the completion of practice paper questions. This helps identify areas of weakness and encourages the boys to ask questions to address any shortcomings. The practice of examination questions is absolutely key to them achieving a good grade in the summer, allowing them to become used to the structure and demands of a GCSE paper.

The Department has created some practice paper booklets for the boys to use in school (they write answers in their exercise books) but more papers are available to supplement these. We have placed all available papers on SharePoint for the boys to access but we are aware of the cost and time implications of them printing these papers out. In light of this, we have decided to print and copy them at school for the boys to purchase at a cost of £10 for the collection. The beauty of them having their own hard copies is that they can carry the papers around with them, writing solutions and making notes on them.

We are asking for £10 in cash to be given to your son's class teacher after half term. Those who have said they want the booklets have been allowed to take them for use over the half term break so please ensure they pay during the first week back.

Revision Guides

A good number of Year 11 students have asked me/their teachers about revision guides. Whilst there are many publishers out there, all doing a good job, I have been impressed by the Collins offering of an 'All-in-one' Revision and Practice book.

The book contains a full revision guide, along with practice and review sections, and a full workbook at the back. Full answers are included, as is an e-book for revision on the go! The books are tailored to the AQA Specification that we use.

I will contact the publisher to see what level of discount I can get and then send another letter out after half term with further details. They are RRP £10.99 but I think I will be able to get them for £4.00 again this year.

Yours sincerely

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