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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: GCSE Maths Mocks and Revision Information**

As you are aware, your son/daughter is following either the Higher Tier (grades 5-9) or Foundation Tier (grades 1-5) of entry for GCSE Mathematics in their lessons. The majority of pupils across the country will be sitting the Foundation Tier which includes more content, at a more challenging level than that of the old style GCSE. May I reassure you that a grade 4 is considered to be a 'standard pass' by the government and a grade 5 is equivalent to a low old style grade 'B' and is considered to be a 'strong pass' by the government. My experience of the past three years' of examination of the new GCSE has led me to the general conclusion that any pupil achieving a grade 4 (or lower) in the Mock examinations will be entered for the Foundation Tier, as pupils have a better chance of securing/aiming for a grade 5 on the Foundation Tier than the Higher Tier.

The November/December Mock Exams are fast approaching and to this end the Maths Faculty would like to support your son/daughter's revision preparation at home. You may be aware that CDPS subscribes to a number of Maths revision websites for your son/daughter to use which are detailed below. Your son/daughter should know their individual logins for the following sites (if your son/daughter has forgotten them they should speak to their Maths Teacher):

- [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)
- [www.mathswatchvle.com](http://www.mathswatchvle.com)
- We also recommend [www.corbettmaths.com](http://www.corbettmaths.com).

They (and you) should also be regularly accessing their 'Show My Homework' account to check the details of homework their teachers across the school have set for them. If you or your son/daughter need assistance with logging on please consult the school website for help or contact Ms Brace directly. For those who would be interested in purchasing revision materials for the new GCSE based on grades 1-9, we are able to order these booklets on your behalf at cost price:

- CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Revision Guide: Higher/Foundation Tier - £2.50
- CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Workbook: Higher/Foundation Tier - £2.50
- Workbook Answer booklet: Higher/Foundation Tier - £1
- CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook (includes answers): Higher/Foundation Tier - £2.50

Please ensure you order the correct Tier resources. Your son/daughter should check with their Maths Teacher if they are not sure. Please pay for them through **WisePay**, by following the link on the school website (<http://www.deerparkschool.net>) and click on the WisePay logo. If you have any questions about WisePay, or need a reminder of your login, please do contact the Finance Office or email [wisepay@deerparkschool.net](mailto:wisepay@deerparkschool.net).

If you have any questions with regard to this letter then please do get in touch with me or your son/daughter's Maths Teacher.

Yours sincerely



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**Head of Maths**

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Tutor Group: .....

	CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Revision Guide	£2.50	Higher / Foundation*
	CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Workbook	£2.50	Higher / Foundation*
	CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Workbook Answer Booklet	£1	Higher / Foundation*
	CGP GCSE Maths Edexcel Exam Practice Workbook	£2.50	Higher / Foundation*

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