Dear Parent/Carer,

The way in which Maths homework is set in the 2019-20 academic year is changing. Whereas previously Maths homework was booklet based, it will now be set on an online package called Hegarty Maths.

This change is just one that has come about as the result of a six month review of the Maths curriculum offered to our students, which included input from high-performing partner schools. We would like to take the opportunity to ensure you understand the change and its potential impact on your child’s maths education.

Previously, homework in Maths was issued from a booklet containing questions which covered topics that were taught anywhere from 2 to 12 weeks before. This was either completed in a separate exercise book or in the back of the classwork book and was marked by the teacher.

The move to Hegarty Maths is a move towards a greater degree of independence for our students; to give them greater ownership and self-awareness in their journey through the Maths curriculum, and equip them with the tools to identify and address their own weaknesses and misconceptions.

The weekly homework will consist of a revision video from which the students will take notes and attempt example questions in their homework book, followed by a quiz which the students will complete, with full written working, before submitting their answers to be automatically marked online. Homework will, again, be set on topics taught 2 to 12 weeks before to aid long-term knowledge retention.

Your child’s teacher will then receive in-depth feedback on a whole range of data from the students’ work, before quality assuring the work they have completed in their homework book.

Hegarty Maths is currently used by over a million students from more than 1300 schools nationally. It is incredibly powerful and has videos and quizzes corresponding to over 900 different areas of Mathematics, all of which your child now has access to. Its potential to improve your child’s progress in maths in virtually boundless, but it is important that it is used in the right way. Your child will therefore receive an introduction to Hegarty Maths from their teacher during one of their first Mathematics lessons of the year and I have also attached a checklist that will aid you in supporting your child in using Hegarty Maths to its full potential.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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