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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your child to achieve an additional qualification in Mathematics further to their GCSE.

This year we are pleased to offer AQA certificate in Functional Skills Mathematics at both Levels 1 and 2. Functional Mathematics Level 1 and Level 2 aims to promote mathematical thinking and transferable skills rather than rote learning. Students will cover Maths that is useful in everyday situations and the world of work by referencing contextual material.

In studying for this qualification it is hoped that students will also enhance their performance at GCSE Mathematics through the acquisition and sharpening of problem solving skills. Following an increase in Maths curriculum time this year, we are able to offer purposeful and dedicated lesson time to Functional Mathematics examination practice and preparation. This will not compromise the time available for completion of the GCSE syllabus.

The first examination opportunity is **8th November 2018**. The examination is scheduled for the morning session and should commence at 9.00am, lasting for 1hour 30minutes. The examination will be conducted under formal examination conditions. All pupils will be expected to use a calculator during the examination.

I hope you find this information useful. Further information regarding the AQA Functional Skills Mathematics qualification can be found on the AQA website.

Yours faithfully

Mrs M Edwards
Head of Mathematics

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