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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted to inform you of our decision to offer all students in Set 1 the opportunity to complete an additional Maths GCSE. The Edexcel Extended Mathematics Certificate is offered as an opportunity to extend students alongside their current GCSE mathematics lessons.

The Level 2 Extended Mathematics Certificate is intended as an additional qualification to GCSE Mathematics, offering students the opportunity to build on the Key Stage 4 Curriculum. This qualification provides stretch and challenge that allows learners to dive deeper into Maths. The relevant foundational content helps them to achieve their potential at Key Stage 4, as well as bridging the transition to many Key Stage 5 subject areas. The test includes two additional papers, each 75 minutes long. This is a new exam and an exciting opportunity that we hope your child will consider.

The delivery of the Extended Maths Certificate GCSE content will advance students problem solving skills and provide an insight into higher level mathematics. This is a qualification for learners who are expected to achieve a grade 8 or 9 in GCSE mathematics. The decision to enter students for the qualification is dependent on their approach to learning and their test results throughout the year.

Pupils will only be considered for entry if they made the required progress throughout the year, measured by end of topic/term assessments and GCSE mock exams. Students will be considered for entry into the Extended Maths Certificate GCSE only if they are on track to achieve a grade 8 or 9 in GCSE Mathematics and achieve a merit or above in their Year 11 November EMC mock.

Students are expected to complete extra work outside of lessons to reinforce their knowledge. This includes lunchtime sessions, summer assignments, and additional homework. Therefore, students must be prepared to invest extra time and effort.

Further information about the course can be found here:

https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/level-2-extended-maths-certificate/level-2-extended-maths-certificate.html

Yours sincerely,

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