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Hegarty Maths

Dear Parent/ Carer,

Over the last few weeks you will have noticed your son/ daughter using the Hegarty Maths website (www.hegartymaths.com) to complete their maths homework. After a successful trial of the website we have now subscribed for the year and I am therefore writing to let you know how it works and how you can support your son/ daughter with their maths homework.

Hegarty maths was created by Colin Hegarty, a maths teacher who has won the Teacher of the Year Award and been recognised internationally for the impact his work is having on students. I have seen first-hand the impact Hegarty Maths can have on students as a homework and revision tool and believe that if used properly by your son/ daughter it will make a significant impact on their progress.

The website contains over 600 topics, covering the entire maths curriculum. Each topic contains a video and quiz. The video talks the students through how to do a topic, with examples and opportunities to practice alongside the video. Students will benefit from hearing topics that we have covered in class explained again, particularly if they have struggled or just need more time. After watching the video students complete a quiz, feedback is given instantly for each question allowing students to look for mistakes they've made – at any point they can go back and watch the video again for further support.

The maths department sets homework every Tuesday, with it due in the following Tuesday. When your son/ daughter signs in to Hegarty Maths you will be able to see if they have any tasks to be completed on their home page. When completing their homework we recommend the following:

- A notebook is used to make notes from the video/ complete any practice questions and for workings out for the quizzes.
- The video should always be watched.
- Students should be spending 45 minutes on HW a week in years 7 and 8 and 1 hour in Year 9, 10 and 11.

The following rules have been set by the department with regard to homework:

- Students must see their teacher by 3:30pm on the Monday if they have had any problems accessing the homework. An ICT/ internet failure will not be accepted as an excuse if students have left homework until the last minute.
- Failure to complete all tasks will result in a 20 minute detention at break or lunchtime. The expectation remains that homework is completed, the detention is for lateness rather than instead

of completing the homework and detentions will continue to be set until the homework is completed.

- Homework club will be supervised by maths teachers every Wednesday lunchtime in the ICT suite, students who have difficulty accessing the website at home, or would like help with their homework should attend.
- Students should achieve 80%, failure to do so will result in compulsory homework support sessions if there is no evidence that the video has been watched or insufficient time has been spent on the homework. (Hegarty maths provides teachers with details of exactly how much time was spent per question and watching the videos. Quizzes can be retaken).

I have attached to this letter a home guide to the website. The maths department are committed to ensuring your son/daughter makes excellent progress in mathematics, but we need your support to ensure they fulfil their potential. Your support, in ensuring that homework is completed weekly and done to a high standard, is invaluable.

Weekly leaderboards are published on a display board at school and can often be seen on the school twitter account. Students who are consistently getting it right will be rewarded with reward points and certificates. We will also endeavour to let you know if your son/daughter is not meeting our expectations with regard to homework and work with you to ensure that this improves.

If I can be of any assistance with homework, or any other maths related query please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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