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Year 10 GCSE Launch Evening

Maths at the Castle School

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Key points for tonight

New GCSE Curriculum

Progress and Contact

Homework

Exam preparation and revision resources

How parents can help



New maths GCSE grades for 2017

A*	9
A	8
B	7
C	6
D	5
E	4
F	3
G	2
U	1
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Top 3% of pupils achieve 9

7 is anchored to old A

5 is set between B and C
4 is anchored to old C

1 is the old F and G



New Maths GCSE for 2017

All students will study towards a GCSE in Mathematics Higher or Foundation tier

Higher	9	8	7	6	5	4		
Foundation				5	4	3	2	1

To be entered for the Higher tier, pupils will be required to demonstrate sufficient ability in year 10 assessments. All others will sit the Foundation tier.



New Maths GCSE for 2017

Edexcel Linear 1MA1

100% examined (no coursework)

THREE written exams

Paper 1 Non calculator (80 marks) $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours

Paper 2 Calculator (80 marks) $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours

Paper 3 Calculator (80 marks) $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours



New maths GCSE for 2017

Greater focus on problem-solving

Requirement to provide clear mathematical arguments

New added content at both Higher and Foundation level

Fewer formulae provided (students expected to remember them!)



Progress and contact

Progress monitored by teacher through half-termly assessments, class work and homework

End of year 10 Exam

Pre-Public Exam in Spring Term Year 11

All these will be used to ensure correct tier IAs in every term, written report in Spring term

Parents evening 3rd October 2016

Contacting your child's teacher – email is preferable in the first instance



Homework

Set every week

Designed to reinforce content learnt in lessons
Sufficient time always given to enable students
to ask teacher for help if needed

Contact made with home if homework is not
regularly completed

Homework will be recorded on 'Show My
Homework'



Exam preparation and resources

Revision guides and workbooks produced by Edexcel will be available to buy from school Finance office (£2.50 each)

Scientific calculator (£6), Maths set

Practice, practice, practice makes perfect

Work through exam papers.

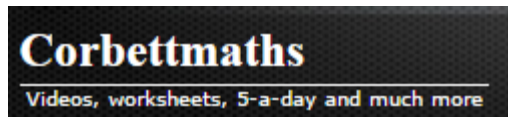
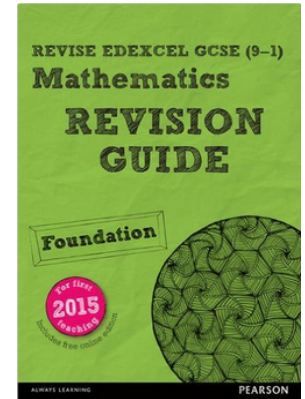
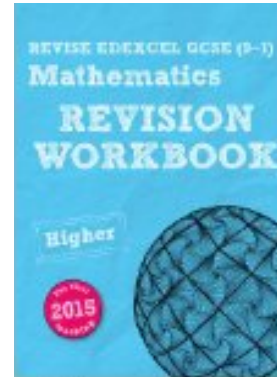
Use GCSE Topic booklets (available on school website) to work on 'weak' topics

Work through the booster materials on

www.mymaths.co.uk and

www.corbettmaths.com

Attend revision sessions





What can you do to help?

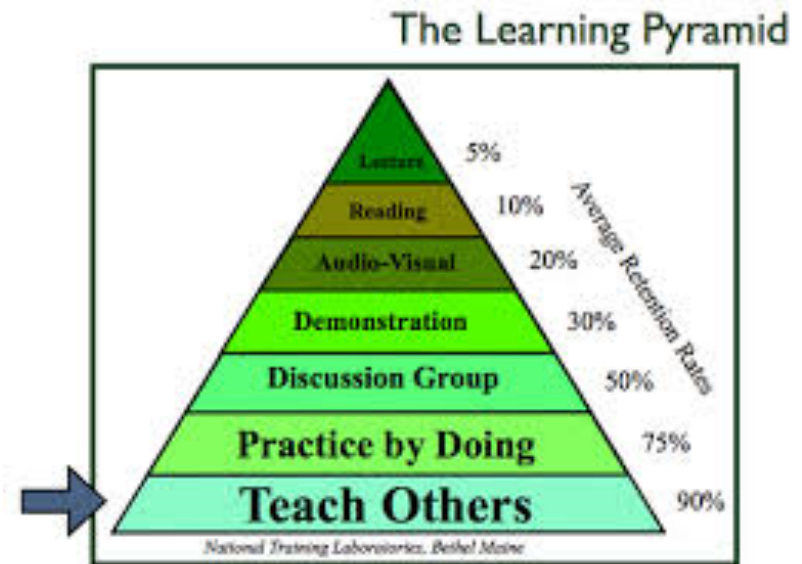
Act as a “Project Manager”

Know your child’s target grade

Be positive & supportive

Help them to organise themselves

Get your child to explain





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Any Questions?