

Dear parent/carer

9 July 2021

We are looking forward to your child starting at The Castle School in September and I hope they're looking forward to their maths lessons here at the school. We have an exciting curriculum in Year 7 which builds on what your child has learnt at Key Stage 1 and 2 and begins to prepare them for the next five years at the school. We also have Manga High at our disposal, a brilliant platform which we use both in curriculum time and pastoral time with the opportunity to win prizes at the termly maths achievement assembly as well as helping their tutor group to be in with a chance of winning the tutor group prize. Additionally, this will also contribute towards House points for the House Trophy, so there is a lot to play for.

The plan for the next academic year is to have mixed ability sets for the first two weeks of the year. Your child will then complete an assessment after the first two weeks of the term so we can set your child accordingly based on their attainment in the assessment. We are doing this because there is no attainment data for your child for us to use and we would like to set as early as possible, so your child can learn at a pace which suits them and progress as much as possible.

Secondly, we are planning to use Dr Frost Maths, another excellent maths website, in our maths lessons for pre-topic and end of topic tests. We can use this to assess your child's understanding of the next topic as well as what they have learnt in the previous topic, to check for any gaps in their knowledge.

As a result of using this, we need your permission for your child to use this website in line with the website's privacy policy. Here is the link to the website if you are interested www.drfrostmaths.com. You can find the privacy policy on the website if you would like to read it. The privacy policy has been checked and approved by our internal IT department; we just need your permission to register your child to the website.

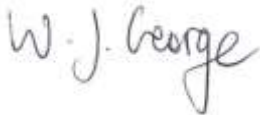
To give consent for your child to use the Dr Frost website please login to Scopay.

Finally, in a drive to encourage children towards independence and taking responsibility for their own learning we would like them all to come prepared to all maths lessons with a minimum of a black or blue pen, pencil, ruler, scientific calculator, a protractor and a pair of compasses. Should you wish to purchase these items in school, they are available from Student Reception. The price for a filled pencil case is £1.75 and £8.50 for a scientific calculator.

If you have any questions about this, please feel free to get in touch.

We look forward to September.

Yours sincerely



Mr George
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