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Dear Parents

### **Key Stage 4 Maths**

I am writing to explain how we are grouping children in Mathematics this year at The Sir John Colfox Academy and how we are supporting the children as they work towards their GCSE examinations.

### **Year 10**

In Year 10 we have 6 sets:

- 10X1 – this group is working at a fast pace in order to give the students the best chance of achieving Grade 7+ at GCSE.
- 10X2 – this is a higher tier group with all students working towards Grade 6+ at GCSE.
- 10X3, 10X4 and 10X5 are currently parallel classes covering the same core content, working towards Grade 4+ at GCSE.
- 10X6 – a foundation tier group working at a slightly slower pace.

This year group will have assessments during the week beginning 27 September. Following these assessments we will adjust the groupings to ensure all children are in the most appropriate group and make 10X3 a higher tier group aiming for Grade 5+ at GCSE. There will be further assessment points throughout the year, and we will continually monitor students' progress in class and readjust settings accordingly.

### **Year 11**

In Year 11 we have started the year with 5 groups:

- 11X1 and 11X2 are parallel higher tier groups (Grades 5-9).
- 11X3, 11X4 and 11X5 are set foundation tier groups (Grades 1-5).

However, we are very pleased that we have now recruited a new member of staff, Mrs K Booth, who will be joining us from 27 September to teach Year 11. This will enable us to make an additional higher tier group and reduce class sizes. This new group will be focusing on Grades 7+. Some children will move into this new 11X6 group on 28th September.

The groups will then be adjusted again after the mock exams so that children are in a group which reflects their appropriate tier of entry and current achievement. The Year 11 mocks begin on 3 November. There will be a second mock in March, and we will also continually monitor students' progress in class and readjust settings accordingly.

### **Year 11 Revision Opportunities**

In order to support the Year 11 students with their GCSE studies the maths department are offering the following additional sessions:

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| Tuesday lunchtimes   | Maths Homework support (open to all years) | A109 Ms Dolan    |
| Tuesday 3:40-4:30pm  | Foundation Exam Practice                   | A109 Ms Dolan    |
| Tuesday 3:40-4:30pm  | Higher Revision Topics                     | A114 Mrs Price   |
| Thursday lunchtimes  | Foundation Revision Topics                 | A109 Mr Zalewski |
| Thursday 3:40-4:30pm | Higher Revision Topics                     | A111 Mr Hilder   |

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries [dolanc@colfox.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:dolanc@colfox.dorset.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely



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