

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I hope you have had a relaxing summer.

At the start of this new academic year, it is important that your child hits the ground running. I am just writing to inform you of some of the numeracy initiatives that have been put in place in the academy over the past few months.

The numeracy section on the academy website has been updated. To access this, you need to www.deferrers.com, click on the 'Parents' tab at the top of the page. Once on this page, scroll down to 'Numeracy' on the right hand side. On this page there is a summary of why numeracy is so important as part of the whole curriculum, and also some useful resources I would recommend looking at.

Added to this page is a list of essential maths skills that your child needs to know, whether they are in year 7 or in year 11 (some may not be applicable to your child at their current stage in the curriculum, so they should ask their maths teacher for more information). Attached to this list is a link to a video explaining exactly how to do each of the topics, which pupils can use to revise each of them. Please encourage your child to visit this website, either at home or in school, to familiarise themselves with the essential skills.

Also on the website you will find a link to a document that contains all the key facts your child needs to know in order to excel in their numeracy. This is a two-page document, and should have been given to all year 7s at the start of the year. It is of course relevant to all years however, and it is important that your child learns these facts.

Another initiative that has been implemented is in the Learning Centre on Dove. There is now a numeracy board in there, which can be accessed using the iPads, which can be taken out from the Learning Centre. The numeracy board incorporates QR codes, which can be scanned using the iPads. This will then take the pupils straight to a video explaining how to do the given topic. We are hoping that this is a valuable resource for the pupils to utilise, and they are encouraged to make the most of this.

As always, if your child has any problems whatsoever, they can come and see me personally or speak to their maths teacher.

Thanks for your cooperation,

Mr Taylor
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