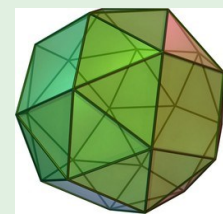




# Mathematics Department

## Newsletter (Spring Term 1) 2025



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### New Curriculum: GCSE Update

The current Year 9 will be the first to sit the new GCSE with only 2 tiers; Higher and Foundation (in line with other subjects). There will be 3 Units comprising the Double Award.

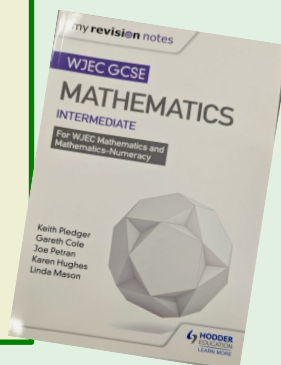
### Maths Ambassador

We are pleased to announce that Jacob McAndrew from Year 12 has been appointed our Maths Ambassador for this year. Jacob is currently offering revision help to our Higher exam classes; Numeracy on a Tuesday Lunchtime and Maths on a Thursday Lunchtime. Jacob will be in Room D15A for these sessions.

### Mathematics and Numeracy Revision Guides

We have a supply of WJEC GCSE **Intermediate** Revision Guides available to purchase from Ms Wear.

They are priced at £10 each (£2 cheaper than online).



### UKMT Maths Challenge

We are pleased to have put together a group of pupils for the upcoming UKMT Team Challenge 2025. The competition will take place on March 7th in Olchfa School, Swansea. We wish Team Bryntirion the very best of luck!

Some of our Year 9 and 10 pupils will be taking part in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge, in school, on Wednesday 29th January. Pob Lwc to all those pupils involved.

### Websites



Some of our Maths homework tasks will be set online via MathsWatch or MyMaths.

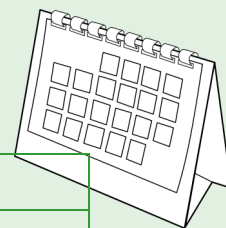
Year 7 are set two new MyMaths homework tasks every week.

Students will be given login details for one or both of these in lesson time. MathsWatch also allows students to watch videos and set tasks for themselves which may be helpful for extra practice or at home revision.

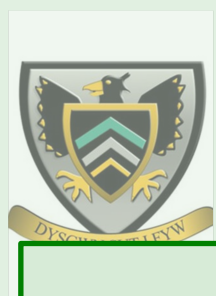
Other websites we recommend are corbett-maths.co.uk, bbcbitesize and mathedup, mathsmadeeasy, mathsdoy.com, revise-gcemaths.co.uk, ttrack-stars.com

### Dates for the Diary

Assessments for this half term are fast approaching:



Year 7	Week commencing 10/2
Year 8	Thursday 6/2
Year 9	Tuesday 11/2 and Wednesday 12/2
Year 10	Wednesday 12/2
Year 11	Thursday 13/2



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## Homework in Maths

Our aim as a department is to ensure that pupils are given the best chance of success. We believe that maths is a subject that requires regular practise to consolidate learning, which is why we set homework.

Most pupils are doing extremely well with completing their homework to an excellent standard. We would like to thank you with your ongoing support as parents and guardians with this and say well done to those pupils who are working very hard.

Generally, we will set online homework via MyMaths in year 7 and MathsWatch in year 8. We endeavour to give approximately a week to complete the homework so that pupils can organise a suitable time to complete the work and seek further help if needed. If there is any problem with completing the work, we would expect a pupil to discuss this with their class teacher in advance of the deadline.

We have high expectations of our pupils and therefore when homework is set, the class teacher will have a minimum expected level for pupils to achieve for the homework to be considered well attempted and complete. This level may vary between classes and will be communicated by the class teacher.

If a pupil is struggling to reach this expected level we would encourage them to watch the videos or online lessons to help them and to look back over their classwork initially. If a pupil is still struggling with the work we would encourage them to speak to their teacher before the deadline, so that the class teacher is aware and may be able to offer support.

In the circumstances where homework is not completed or is incomplete this will be recorded on classcharts. A 'detention' may be issued as a time for the pupil to complete the work with a teacher present and able to provide encouragement and support. If the work is completed before the detention and it has been agreed with the class teacher then there will be no need for the pupil to attend at this time.

## After School Revision

There are after school revision sessions for GCSE classes

Monday - Foundation Mathematics

Tuesday - Higher Mathematics

Wednesday - Intermediate Maths and Higher Numeracy

Please ask your class teacher for more details.

