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Dear Parent/Carer,

## Year 12 Maths

It was a pleasure to meet many of you at last night's Y12 Curriculum Evening. As I explained last night, we are committed to working in partnership with you over the next two years and beyond to support your daughter/son to achieve their full potential at Newstead and progress on to the next stage of their education, whether that be university, apprenticeship or employment.

I'd like to reiterate some of the key messages from last night again here:

- CG100 calculators are essential and can help students by 10 marks in the exam. They can be purchased from WisePay. Please speak to your Head of Year and consider an application for 16-19 Bursary if your child is in need of financial support.
- We will have weekly homework set on UpLearn and/or Dr Frost Maths. It is essential that students keep on top of their homework, complete the questions promptly and seek help whenever necessary. We will of course be monitoring completion and accuracy, but the first line of support should be the student seeking advice straight away if there is anything of which they are unclear.
- Our exam board is Edexcel Pearson for [Standard](#) and Further Maths ([Book1](#), [Book2](#), [Mechanics](#), [Statistics](#)).
- We strongly advise students to use the fantastic online resources we have: Dr Frost Maths, Integra, and UpLearn as well as SharePoint which will have our lesson resources and PowerPoint Presentations. We have purchased UpLearn for all students as we believe this to be an excellent resource to support them on their A level Maths journey.

## Key dates for the diary:

Standard Maths Baseline test: Thursday 25 September

Further Maths Baseline test: Wednesday 24 September

At Newstead Wood School, we pride ourselves on providing a nurturing and supportive environment as well as our ability to empower our students to choose the most suitable study paths for their Sixth Form journey with us. As such, we pay close attention to our students' performance in Data Collection 1 and 2. These baseline assessments, along with the January assessments, are designed to identify areas of strength and

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development in students' knowledge, and also to flag students whose work ethic or knowledge may not be suitable for their chosen course. These students may be offered a less demanding and more appropriate course such as a Standard Maths if studying Further Maths, or Core Maths if studying Standard Maths. Of course, we will make these decisions based on the best interests of the students and will also arrange parental consultation meetings to discuss progress.

I'd like to thank you in advance for your support, and for ensuring your daughter/son gets off to the very best start in Maths A level at Newstead.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions [aneman@newsteadwood.co.uk](mailto:aneman@newsteadwood.co.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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