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Dear Parent or Carer

Re: Year 9 GCSE Mathematics

In the current climate it is extremely important that students are entered for the correct mathematics tier and have the opportunity to master all the necessary skills required to succeed in the GCSE examination of that tier.

This half term all students in year 9 will sit an assessment based on the topics learnt in their lessons. After reviewing the results of these papers, if necessary, set changes will be made. This will ensure the level of work they are learning is best suited to their needs. This is important as they have now started the GCSE syllabus.

The new GCSE examinations are considerably harder than the previous specifications. There are two tier papers, Higher tier and Foundation tier. The grades available on the Higher tier are 4 to 9. The highest grade available on the Foundation tier is a 5.

If you have any further questions please contact your son or daughter's class teacher as they will have more information about individual results and progress. For any other queries please contact me via email at rshafier@st-martins.essex.sch.uk or Miss O'Hare at nohare@st-martins.essex.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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