

February 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian,

In September, we advised that our plan was for all Year 10 pupils to be given an opportunity to be entered for Mathematics early at the end of Year 10 (June 2015). Pupils would only be entered if they made the required progress by February 2015, measured by GCSE mock exams – 2 in class (1 in October and 1 in December) and 1 in real mock conditions in the Hall at the end of January. The required progress was that they either achieve their target grade or are very close to it.

At parents evening in December, the feedback we got from parents and pupils confirmed what the school thought; which was that only the pupils in the Premier sets are ready to sit early entry at the end of Year 10. This was further confirmed by the January mock results and by further discussions between teachers and pupils.

Therefore pupils in Mathematics sets 1, 2 and 3 will be entered at the end of Year 11 for the Linear Higher exams, with only those pupils in the Premier sets entered at the end of Year 10.

Pupils in set 4 will be doing the Foundation Linked Pair, which has 2 exams in Applications in June of Year 10 and 2 exams in Methods in June of Year 11. We will be writing to parents of these pupils separately to provide more details.

If you have any further questions regarding this, please contact me by email at ksewelldavies@helsbyhigh.org.uk or if you would like to visit the Edexcel website to read more about the exams, as well as download previous exam papers, go to <http://www.edexcel.com/quals/gcse/gcse10/maths/maths-a/Pages/default.aspx>.

Regards

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