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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Great Marlow School Maths Department. If you ever have any questions concerning Maths at GMS, please look on the GMS website Mathematics - Great Marlow School or contact your child's Maths teacher by email. Michelle Guy is our Maths Head of Department and Charlotte Babes our KS3 Maths Lead.

As year 7 settle into school and start their learning with White Rose Maths, we would like to inform you we will be giving all students a baseline assessment on Tuesday 23rd September. The assessment will cover the Primary curriculum. The aim of the assessment is for us to understand any gaps in learning so that we can address these in Year 7.

As students are not put into sets in year 7 this will have no impact on their maths class. No revision is required. The assessment is 50 minutes long and calculators are not allowed.

A reminder of the maths equipment required for every lesson:

Calculator
Black/blue pen
Pencil
Rubber
Ruler
Protractor
Compass

Following the assessment, students will receive their mark and a Question Level Analysis which will detail for each question, the total number of marks available and the student's own score. There will also be signposts to videos and practice questions for those that students answered incorrectly.

In Maths we use Sparx as our homework platform. All homework is completed online and is tailored to each individual based on accuracy and speed of previous homework. Homework is set every Tuesday at 3pm and is due the following Tuesday at 3pm. Each homework includes consolidation of topics currently being covered in class, revision of previously learned topics and times table practice. The baseline assessment will feed directly into Sparx and homework questions will be set on topics students find more challenging and need more practice on.

For your information, students will have 3 assessments in Year 7: one in each term. Following each assessment, students will receive a Maths Dashboard which details their progress and the enablers to their progress, including attendance, homework completion rate, times table progress and assessment scores. Please ask your child for a copy of this following assessments.

Kind Regards

Charlotte Babes

KS3 Maths Lead