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Dear Parent/Carer

### Year 7 Mathematics Classes

At Helston Community College, we are committed to improving outcomes for all our students and to teach in as inclusive a way as possible. As such, and in line with research from the EEF (Education Endowment Fund), we have made a decision to adjust the delivery of Year 7 Maths classes to provide every student with the opportunity to develop a secure grasp of the core skills that we consider essential to success in Maths. In addition, we want to make certain that every student is supported and given appropriate stretch and challenge.

In order to meet these goals, students will have a base class, in which they are taught the foundation concepts of a maths module. At the end of each module, they will have an assessment and their performance in this will determine subsequent groupings. If students demonstrate a good understanding of the topic, they will go into a challenge group to further extend and develop their knowledge and skills in that module. If they struggle with that particular topic, they will move to a consolidation class to support their understanding of the key concepts studied. This is in line with our mastery curriculum approach.

All students will return to their base groups after this short period of extension or consolidation work in order to cover the foundation concepts of the next module. Whenever there is a change of group, a new timetable will be given to students. In this way, we are seeking to ensure that all students are supported to achieve their potential in Maths.

To highlight the foundation concepts of the current module, and offer all students equal opportunity to succeed in their assessments, all of Year 7 have been given a Homework book. This book contains weekly practice and reinforcement of those skills. It can also be accessed via Homework Diary.

If you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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