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Dear Parent/Guardian

**Re: Year 7 Mathematics**

As the first few weeks at a new school can be confusing at times I thought I would let you know some useful information about maths at The Holt so that you can support your daughter.

All students have been put in sets for the start of the year based on information received from their primary school and follow a course suitable for their ability. Any movement between groups will follow written assessments. In each half of the year there are two top sets which will follow exactly the same work and have the same opportunities; there will be no movement between the two top groups.

Written assessments in maths occur three times during the year; the first one will be around October half term. Two weeks before every assessment your daughter will be given a revision list via FROG and told the exact date of the assessment. She then has two weeks to revise for this and will not be set other maths home learning during this time.

Over the next two weeks your daughter will be given log ins and passwords for maths websites that will then be used in school and for home learning. She will be shown how to use them in class and encouraged to practise logging in before formal home learnings are set using them. If she then has any difficulty with the sites, please encourage her to ask/email her teacher for help. One of these websites (kerboodle) has electronic copies of the book we use in school, so you can access these at home easily.

We are sure that your daughter will soon settle into life at The Holt, but if there is anything I can do to help during the year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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