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Dear Parents/Carers,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an exciting home learning Maths programme we are running with all our students this year. Irlam & Cadishead College is part of 67 United Learning Secondary schools across the UK that are seeing amazing benefits for student progress and we are excited about the benefits for your children. Some students have completed many hours since the beginning of October and the requirement is 1 hour of assessment time per week.

Our top scoring students from each year group have completed the following amount of hours:

| Year Group | 1 st | 2 nd | 3 rd |
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| Year 7 | 11.6 hours | 10.7 hours | 10.6 hours |
| Year 8 | 8.6 hours | 7.5 hours | 7.4 hours |
| Year 9 | 10.4 hours | 8.5 hours | 7.7 hours |
| Year 10 | 7.8 hours | 7.7 hours | 7.7 hours |
| Year 11 | 44.1 hours | 16.9 hours | 16.4 hours |

HegartyMaths is an online website <https://hegartymaths.com/>. The aim of this programme is to provide a top quality home learning platform for students so that, along with fantastic teacher-led Maths lessons in school, your child will be supported at home with their Maths learning. Often Maths homework can be difficult to get right for each individual student. At home students may struggle to remember concepts they learnt in class and parents often find it difficult to help their child through the methods, as they were different methods to when they were at school.

This HegartyMaths system makes it easier for a child to engage with their Maths homework. It teaches (via 800 x 10 minute videos), assesses (in small quizzes of usually 10 questions) and tracks everything a child needs to learn in school Maths. The programme aims to have a positive impact in the following areas:

- 1) Student intrinsic motivation for learning Maths and their attitudes towards Maths
- 2) Student attainment in Maths
- 3) Parental engagement and ability to assist in your child's Maths learning

Your child will receive several quizzes a week from the HegartyMaths platform and each homework can take up to 30 minutes to complete 1 homework properly. Your child may complete more work should they wish; this is not a requirement. The requirement is a minimum of 1-hour assessment time – more on this in the parents' user guide.

Year 7-10 Students

Detentions are given if less than one hour of assessment time is not completed. These Maths teacher detentions are set for 45 minutes for Year 7 and 8 students and 1 hour for Year 9, 10 and 11. Year 7-10 detentions will occur on a Tuesday to Friday after school. If the student is in Year 7-10 then they will have to complete a Head of Department detention on a Friday. If a student in Year 7-10 does not attend the Head of Department detention, they will be placed in Internal Exclusion.

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Year 11 Students

Homework could be increased to 2 hours if a student is underachieving. Year 11 detentions start at 3.30 p.m. and can continue to 5.30 p.m. should a student continually not complete their homework. If a student does not attend the Head of Maths Friday detention, then they will be placed in Internal Exclusion.

We will inform you via ARBOR – our management system, to state there is a detention on that day for non-completion of HegartyMaths homework. We know you like working in partnership with us and therefore have produced a parent user guide so you can support your child and check on their homework standard and completion.

The Hegarty homework will consist of two main parts:

- Math's Homework is set every week
- Homework is set every week on the same day for each year group and due exactly one week later at **8.00 a.m.**

Year 7 – Set and due on Monday

Year 8 – Set and due on Tuesday

Year 9 – Set and due on Wednesday

Year 10 – Set and due on Friday

Year 11 – Set and due Thursday

Homework consists of watching a short 10-minute video and making notes on the worked examples. Students then complete up to 15 questions and write down the question and answer in their homework book, or on paper and then type this answer into the online platform. The homework is not onerous as the video explains all the upcoming questions and students can contact their class teacher.

Can I once again thank you for your continued support and if you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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