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Dear Parent/Carer

Maths Homework

The Mathematics Faculty have set up a mandatory minimum weekly homework for every student. This homework has been set up on the mymaths.co.uk website. For your information, the timetable of your son/daughter's homework is available on the mymaths website. You can access this timetable by logging into their portal. You will find instructions informing you about the website and how to do this overleaf.

This homework is a minimum requirement and will at times, be supplemented with additional homework by their class teacher. This may be in the form of mymaths or worksheets.

Should your son/daughter have difficulty having internet access at home, there are computers available for them to use before, during and after school. There is also a Maths Homework club every Thursday after school in King (K003).

Thank you for your continued support to raise your son/daughter's achievement.

Yours faithfully

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Head of Maths Faculty

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Mymaths Guidance for Parents (www.mymaths.co.uk)

Your child has been registered on to the maths website www.mymaths.co.uk. This should help them to structure their maths work and enable you to see how they are progressing.

Your child has already been given a demonstration explaining how to access the materials at home. To get to the materials you first need to log on to the site. Go to www.mymaths.co.uk and login at the top of the homepage.

Our school login is: **clarkson**

Our school password is: **circle**

Each of the lessons in the library has an Online Homework. Your child will be directed to do these tasks by their teacher. On the next page your child should enter their private login and password in the pink 'My Portal' box. MyMaths.co.uk will then remember who they are and automatically log them in to the tasks.

If they have been set a task by their teacher the task will appear under MyTasks. They must complete both pages of the Online Homework for the scores to be saved to the database. Other activities may also appear under MyActivities. If no lessons are appearing then you have a Pop-Up Blocker installed. You **MUST** allow to use Pop-Ups.

You can see all their results by clicking MyResults and track their results by Level by clicking MyLevels. There is a system of Traffic Lights for each of the Tasks to indicate how successful your child has been.

If a green light appears next to a topic, they have good skills in this area.

If an amber light appears they still have difficulties. Try the Lesson again until you have a green light (70+%)

If a red light appears they need to go back and relearn the topic. Try the Lesson again or get them to ask their teacher for help.

It will also tell you which questions your child could and couldn't do, how many times they have attempted the worksheet and when they last tried it.

You can also find tasks and lessons using the MyMaths.co.uk Library. Click Library on the left of the screen and you will see Number, Algebra, Shape and Data appear. Click on one of these titles, select a topic and click an activity. The Level of the lesson is shown as a pink number on the list. You will have the option to complete a lesson or an Online Homework. Only Online Homework tasks are recorded. You can help your child by encouraging them to visit the library and work through the lessons at their level. If you have time, you might want to work through some of the topics with them. The lessons are clear and easy to follow.

An effective strategy is to pretend that you have forgotten how to do it and ask them to show you how. Putting them in the position of "teacher" is good for their confidence and gets them to talk about their thinking.

You should also be clear about the support that the school offers. Please see your child's maths teacher if you have any more questions.

Finally, please be aware that if you login with your child's details then anything you do will appear on their score sheet. Don't just go in and play as you may create results which your child's teacher will think are theirs!

