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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In order to maximise the chances of success in Mathematics and Numeracy for your son/daughter, we intend to provisionally enter a number of pupils for the full GCSE examinations in November.

Sitting a GCSE in November has proven to be very successful for many pupils in previous years at Cefn Saeson. The November sitting allows pupils to give their revision and preparation focus to just one subject area instead of having to coordinate their revision for all their subjects as will happen in the summer sitting.

Pupils that are successful in the November sitting will have reduced pressure during the following summer exam sitting as they will have less exams to sit at that time.

In previous years, pupils that have prepared thoroughly for the November GCSEs sitting have proven to attain excellent grades.

Analysis of previous years' results has shown us that pupils succeed in November sittings only if they are adequately prepared for their exams. Therefore your son/daughter will need to focus their revision methods to practise exam technique on a regular basis in the build-up for this exam. To monitor progress, your son/daughter will be given Past Papers to complete for homework or under test conditions in class. These Past Papers will allow the class teachers to assess whether individual pupils are progressing in a manner to be successful at the November sitting.

Prior to the November exams, pupils will be assessed as to whether they should be entered for the Mathematics exam, Numeracy exam, both exams or neither exam. Decisions will be taken based upon each pupil's progress and their preference.

Pupils that do not fully engage in the preparations for the November exams will not be entered. These pupils will sit their exams in the summer sitting along with all their other GCSEs.

Pupils that sit in November but are unsuccessful or wish to improve their grade will have the option of sitting their exams again in the summer sitting.

To help us fully prepare your son/daughter for their Mathematics and/or Numeracy exams, could you please encourage them to:-

- Take all Past Paper assignments seriously and hand them in on time;
- Be fully focussed during every Mathematics lesson;



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- Bring a Memory stick to their lesson for their class teacher to give them a copy of a structured revision program that the school has prepared;
- Undertake their own revision and preparation using Revision guides, or websites such as Corbettmaths.

We are pleased with the results achieved in maths in previous years and are committed to work hard in partnership with home to ensure each pupil achieves their full potential.

Yours sincerely,

Graham Slarke.

Head of Mathematics