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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Year 7 – 11 HegartyMaths Home Learning Programme**

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about an exciting home learning maths programme we have joined and we are excited about the benefits for your children.

HegartyMaths is an online website created by UK Teacher of the Year and Global Teacher Prize Top 10 Finalist, Colin Hegarty. Colin received these his awards for his contribution to maths education and was last month named as one of the top 10 maths influencers in a recent Evening Standard Top 1000 Londoners list. More details can be found out about Colin and his programme here:

<https://hegartymaths.com>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-35592440>

The aim of this programme is to provide a top quality home learning platform to students, meaning your child will be supported at home with their maths learning. Often maths homework can be difficult to get right. 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 10minute videos made by Colin), 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 tasks (on topics they would have covered in school) on the HegartyMaths platform and each homework can take up to a few hours to complete properly. Your child may complete more work should they wish. The HegartyMaths homework will consist of two main parts:

- 1) Watching and taking detailed notes in their book from some of Colin's 10 minute videos (See powerpoints to model what taking notes looks like and how to do this effectively as it is a key skill that is useful in maths and in many other subjects)
- 2) Doing the quiz that follows the video showing full working in their homework books.



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The system has been working with students across the country as the video is very closely related to the quiz and models having a good tutor explain a concept and then letting a child practice that exact concept afterwards.

Every two weeks we will set a task that is suitable for your child. Our main focus is on the effort that your child puts into their homework, the care they take with their notes and the pride they take in their work. All notes and all answers to the quizzes must be written in their homework books and students should mark their work in their books as they go along on the computer. It is fine to make mistakes and students should be encouraged to write the mistakes in their book, write the correct answer which the computer will show them and retry any question they struggle with as this will make encourage good habits and take the fear out of making mistakes in maths.

We have also included for your reference a Student Starter Guide. This explains the site in more detail and shows an example of a student's work.

To log-in to the site, students need to:

- 1) Go to [www.hegartymaths.com](http://www.hegartymaths.com)
- 2) Existing users, Student login (at the top)
- 3) Type in the school name
- 4) Write in their first name, last name and date of birth
- 5) Choose a password of their choice. Students should write this password somewhere safe such as their homework book and parents/carers should take a copy of the password in case your child forgets it.

If for any reason your child will have difficulties accessing the online homework we can make provisions at school, so please let us know so we can help.

Should you have any questions, please email me: [q.mughal@stuart-bathurst.org.uk](mailto:q.mughal@stuart-bathurst.org.uk)

We look forward to seeing the amazing learning that is being done when schools resume.

Kindest Regards

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