Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are excited to announce that the Maths department have been able to acquire a digital learning platform, MathsWatch, to help pupils with their mathematical education. It is an online resource that will help pupils achieve their full mathematical potential.

With MathsWatch, pupils will be able to access video tutorials that will explain subject content similar to how a teacher would teach it in a classroom. They are also able to access interactive questions, assignments and tests, all of which will give immediate feedback to pupils. Pupils are also able to leave comments on assignment questions to request help from their class teacher.

As a department we have issued log in details to all pupils, which for the **majority** of pupils take the following format:

Website: vle.mathswatch.com

Username: thr**firstname.surname**@thornhillacad (pupils enter their first name and surname)

Password: maths123

As a result of obtaining this we are moving the majority of homework assignments to this platform, though **printed copies will still be available if pupils request these from a teacher**.

For KS3 (Years 7 to 9) – One homework per week (approx. duration of 30 minutes). They will be given one week to complete this and teachers will endeavour to keep hand in days the same so pupils can form a routine.

For KS4 – Years 10 and 11 – One homework every 2 weeks will be on MathsWatch for year 10. On Alternate weeks year 10 should still be receiving a paper homework to complete. For Year 11 there will be a mixture of paper or MathsWatch based tasks depending on class and requirements.

For a successful completion of a homework we are setting a minimum requirement of 75% of the questions in each assignment must be correct (though there will be some grace for pupils who have clearly made a very good effort to understand). A reminder that there are videos to help and pupils can also seek help from their teacher both online and in school with this.

I have also attached a useful student/parent guide to this letter to help.

Many thanks in anticipation for your support.

Mr T Acton