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Dear Parent/Carer,

Numeracy Passport – Year 8

We are writing to ask for your continued support regarding the exciting new initiative that was introduced into the Year 7 maths curriculum last year by Mr Banham and which will continue into year 8.

You will appreciate that basic numeracy is a fundamental aspect of Key Stage 3 mathematics and that mastery of these skills is essential to students' long term success at GCSE level. Last year to encourage students to focus on improving their basic numeracy skills we issued all of Year 7 with a **Numeracy Passport** which would have been stuck into their planner.

This year our year 8 students will continue with their numeracy passports from the level where they left off last year at the end of year 7.

The passport is split into five levels of increasing difficulty and approximately once per half term students will be tested on their basic numeracy skills to see if they have progressed to the next level. If they are successful in this then their passport will be updated and they will be rewarded house points and/or prizes depending on their level of achievement.

It is hoped that students will continue to take a pride in their **Numeracy Passport** and that throughout Key Stage 3 they will make progress towards achieving a coveted level 5 pass. To continue to help them achieve this we are asking parents to encourage them to spend time practising their numeracy skills at home using the departmental and 'MyMaths' websites so that they are constantly working towards the next level.

All Year 8 students will be given in the next week guidance again in the use of the **Numeracy Passport** and in how to access these online resources, but should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the maths department for further guidance.

Many thanks in advance for your support with this initiative.

Yours faithfully,

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