

31st January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

At St Michael's, we strive to provide the best possible support for your child. In mathematics, we aim to give every student the opportunity to do their best and achieve their potential. In support of this, we have invested in an online revision and intervention tool called HegartyMaths.

For your child to have access to this package, we are asking for a one-off payment through ParentPay. This is a cost of **£4.00 per child** which will **cover the entire time** that your child is a student at St Michael's. If **you are in receipt of free school meals** (*FSM*) from September 2021, the subscription will be provided to your child free of charge.

All subscription costs must be received within two weeks of this letter in order for your child to have access to this fantastic facility, supporting their independent learning throughout their time at St Michael's.

This is a fantastic new facility with a range of excellent features:

- appropriate for students of all ages and abilities
- over 900 video support lessons which explain key mathematical concepts to your child
- supports learning by aiding revision
- teachers can monitor student use and the work they are completing
- can be accessed from anywhere through any device that has internet access

Why should I purchase the subscription to the software?

- It directly supports and follows our 5-year scheme of work. This means that your child can support their learning, consolidate work done in lessons and catch up on any work they have missed by having access to teacher explanation videos, which include examples and questions.
- Teachers can provide and track tasks that are instantly marked with feedback to your child when they attempt it. Your child will instantly know how well they have performed and what areas they need to improve upon.
- As a department, we can assign your child personalised videos and tasks that support their areas of development.
- As a parent/carer, you can support your child at home by watching the short video clips alongside your child, so that you are aware of how topics are currently delivered in the classroom.

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Your child will receive all their information to access HegartyMaths in week beginning 31st January, including how to use it correctly in order to aid their learning and revision. In the meantime, if you wish to look at the website and its benefits, then please go to <u>www.hegartymaths.com</u>. If you experience any technical issues in terms of accessing the website or logging on in the future, the mathematics department will happily support you or your child. Please contact the department if your child cannot log into the facility.

Please encourage your child to use this facility as much as possible as we are certain both you and they will quickly see the benefits.

Yours faithfully,

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