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Dear Parent/ Carer

RESIDENTIAL STUDY WEEKEND

The Higher Mathematics Exam will take place on Thursday 3 May 2018 and we already have a number of opportunities for your child to make sure they are well prepared. In addition to a number of revision sessions during lunchtime and after school (a timetable can be found on our Website), the RevisionHUB (knox.is/revisionhub) is our dedicated place for pupils to find practice on specific topics. It includes worksheets, answers, video tutorials and quizzes. The password is: archimedes.

We would also like to offer an excellent opportunity for pupils to 'step up' their Higher Maths revision.

For the last five years we have offered "Maths Camp" and we are hoping to run a similar weekend residential at Whithaugh Park which is nestled away in the Scottish Borders. In our most recent set of results, we witnessed an average 6% difference in pupil improvement between the Benchmarking Assessment and Final Exam in those who attended Maths Camp compared to those who did not.

After annual evaluations of the pupil experience, we've just about settled on a format that we love. Some students work through topic specific materials, others through mixed exercises, some are given short teaching sessions on the key principles of certain concepts, others just work away in groups or individually. This year pupils will be asked to choose from a selection of teacher-led workshops, be given general study time and also compete in Team challenges.

While study would be the main focus of our weekend it is also important that pupils learn how to pace themselves to get the most out of their study. To this end some outdoor activities will also be built into the programme and you can find out more about the Park and the activities it offers at this website address: knox.is/whithaughpark.

Dates: Friday 9 March – Sunday 11 March 2018

Times: Leave Knox Academy on Friday at 2pm and return by 4pm on the Sunday.

Cost: £120. This price includes:

- a) Return coach transfer
- b) 2 nights, catered accommodation (in a beautiful lodge with full en suite facilities!)
- c) A programme of outdoor activities with fully qualified staff
- d) All mathematical activities!

To secure a place on the trip please return the attached PC1 form and pay £120 online using the school reference code MC17 by 1 November 2017. Please note that we can no longer accept cash payment and you can use the following page on our website for instructions: knox.is/payments. Please do not hesitate to contact myself should you wish to arrange suitable payment options.

Places will be limited and will be allocated (if necessary) on a first come first served basis.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on the school number (01620 823387) or by email at knoxacademy@knox.elcschool.org.uk if you require further details.

Yours sincerely

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