14 September 2015

Dear parent/ guardian,

Based on past experience, the Maths Dept now feel it necessary to issue this letter to all parents of Leaving Cert Higher level 5th year Maths students:

It is very important that both students and parents realise that certain standards must be maintained by students in order to remain in Higher level Maths. Students must avoid missing classes at all costs, must submit all assignments and must maintain a high work rate throughout the two years. In addition, all test results must meet required levels as determined by the teachers. There will be a midterm October assessment and any student who does not meet the required grade will receive a letter informing them and their parents/guardians that their grades will need to improve before Easter if they wish to remain at Higher level. If a student fails to achieve the required grade in the Easter assessment they can then be asked to move to Ordinary level. This is to ensure that students achieve their full potential in the appropriate level for their academic ability.

In addition, as a result of the length of the course, it has been standard practice for the last two years to have an additional, compulsory, afterschool Maths class in 6Y. It has been decided this year that, for Ms. Selkirk’s and Ms. Hasting’s class groups, this extra after school class will take place in 5Y rather than 6Y. This will allow students to progress further through the course in 5Y and should help prevent a build up of stress in 6Y. It will also mean that students from these classes who will be studying Applied Maths in 6Y will have the necessary maths covered by the end of 5Y to be able to comfortably complete the Applied Maths course in the one (6th) year.

Could you and your student please sign below to acknowledge that you have read this letter.

Yours faithfully,

Confey Community College Maths Dept.

Parent’s signature: ..…………………………………………………………….

Student’s signature: …………………………………………………………….