

25<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you may be aware, there have been significant changes to the mathematics curriculum recently. At St Michael's we strive to provide the best support possible for your child by aiming to give every student the opportunity to do their best and achieve their potential in mathematics. In support of this, we have invested in an online homework and intervention tool, known as MathsWatch, for the entire school.

For your child to have access to this package we are asking for a one-off payment through ParentPay. This is a cost of **£3.00 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 2017 the subscription will be provided to your child free of charge.

All subscription costs must be received by **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018** in order for your child to have access to this fantastic facility, which will support their independent learning throughout the summer.

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

- It is appropriate for students of all ages and abilities.
- It supports learning through extension and revision work.
- Teachers can monitor how much the students use it and the work they are completing.
- It can be accessed from anywhere using any device that has internet access.
- It has video support lessons which explain key mathematical concepts to your child.

**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 own 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 homework 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.

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- 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.
- If you provide your child with private tutoring, this software gives you the opportunity to have much more control on what the tutor should be teaching your child through the analysis features on the app.

KEY INFORMATION	
Website	<a href="https://vle.mathswatch.com/">https://vle.mathswatch.com/</a> (or google Mathswatch vle)
Username	firstnamesurname@st-michaels e.g. Joe Bloggs = <a href="mailto:joebloggs@st-michaels">joebloggs@st-michaels</a>
Password	mathswatch

If you experience any technical issues in terms of accessing the website or logging on, the mathematics department will support you or your child. Please contact the department if your child cannot log onto the facility. In addition, there are printable worksheets for your child to practice their new skills, we can support you by printing these in school where required. 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,



**Mr S. Smith**  
(Director of Mathematics)



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