

This is quite a long email containing a lot of information. Make sure that you read this email carefully BEFORE your first Maths lesson.

1. AquinasMaths Website – www.aquinasmaths.com

We have a department website which contains all the resources needed for the course.

By clicking on the tab 'Courses' and then clicking on the page 'L6 A Level Maths' you will already find some resources for this year, including links to important websites and powerpoints for this weeks lessons.

There will be a password for some areas of the website.

Password: monkey

2. Integral Website – www.integralmaths.org

This website contains many useful resources, including walkthroughs, notes and exercises.

You each have an individual username and password.

Every username starts with '2053AL-' and ends with your AQ number, which you can find on myaquiinas. Your current password is 'changeme' which you should change straight away.

Example Username: 2053AL-aq181234

Password: changeme

3. E-Textbook – www.pearsonactivelearn.com

This website will give you access to the course textbooks. There are 4 e-books which you can access on your phone as well as a computer. Again, you each have an individual username and password.

Your username is your Aquinas email address and your current password is changeme2018, which you should again change straight away.

Example Username: aq181234@aquinas.ac.uk

Password changeme2018

4. Initial Assignment

You all received your first assignment at the Maths assembly. Don't forget to hand in your completed assignment at your first Maths lesson. If you need a copy of the assignment you can find it on the front page of the aquinasmaths website.

5. Study Packs

At the end of each week you will receive a study pack. In each study pack there will be a mixture of skill questions and exam questions on both current and past topics. There will also be blank pages on which you will need to do your independent study. You will choose which topics you will need to do more work on each week and use questions from the integral website and the e-textbook. You are also welcome to use other resources as well. You will have 1 week to complete each pack.

6. Study Pack 0

During your first Maths lesson you will receive your first study pack – study pack 0. This pack is meant as an introduction to the study packs so although it will look a lot like future study packs it will be a simplified version. You will need to hand your completed first pack in during your last Maths lesson of the first week. Detailed instructions of how to complete this study pack and future study packs will be available on the aquinasmaths website on Monday.

7. Classwiz Calculator

Most of you have already purchased your calculator through parentpay and the calculators are ready for you to collect. You can collect your calculator from Kate in the Maths office or her classroom (S101) either before college or during lunch. These calculators are essential for the course and will be needed for the first week. If you have not yet paid for your calculator please do so as soon as possible.

8. Mini Whiteboard Pen

For all lessons you will need to bring a black mini whiteboard pen. These can be purchased from the library in college. We will loan you a whiteboard pen for your first lesson but after that you will be expected to bring your own pen to every lesson.

9. Lessons in the first week

The first week in Maths will be a recap of the following GCSE topics:

- Surds
- Indices
- Quadratics
- Simultaneous Equations
- Inequalities

There is a lot to get through in 1 week and there will be some aspects of these topics that will be new to you at A Level. It is therefore vital that you arrive at your Maths lessons having reviewed your GCSE knowledge on these topics and knowing the basic facts. Powerpoints for each of these topics can be found on the aquinasmaths website and other resources can be found on the integral website and in the e-books. Use any of these resources to make sure that you come to each lesson fully prepared. Your first lesson will be on Surds and Indices.

A checklist of things to do this week:

- Check out the aquinasmaths website
- Log in to integral
- Log in to the e-books
- Complete the initial assignment and hand in at your first Maths lesson
- Complete Study Pack 0 and hand in at your last Maths lesson of this week
- Pay for a classwiz calculator on parentpay
- Collect your calculator from Kate before college or at lunch (Maths office or S101)
- Buy a black mini whiteboard pen
- Revise Surds and Indices before first Maths lesson
- Revise Quadratics and Simultaneous Equations and Inequalities for lessons this week

I appreciate that this is a lot of information to take in all at once. If you have any questions or any problems accessing any of these resources please send us an email: maths@aquinas.ac.uk

Good luck with your first week at college

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