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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Friesland school has now subscribed to HegartyMaths. We are currently using HegartyMaths with our Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 classes. This is a fantastic resource that will support your child's learning and aid their revision. It uses video tutorials (which are no more than 10 minutes long) to explain maths topics and it has over 800 videos. It also contains an assessment, containing questions covering everything taught in the video, to ensure students understand the maths. Each student has their own log in and they set their password the first time they log in. They just need to go onto the HegartyMaths website, enter in the school and then put in their first name, surname and date of birth.

Your son/daughter's class teacher may set homework from HegartyMaths, to complete this they need to be able to have a device that can connect to the internet so a mobile phone, tablet, laptop or computer. If this is a problem they are welcome to use the computers in school either in homework club, IT6 on Wednesdays or at a time agreed upon with their class teacher.

If your child is set homework from HegartyMaths they are expected to watch the video and make notes on it, they then do the quiz and show any working out done in their books. All homework set on HegartyMaths will be on topics covered either last year or last term, so your child will have already covered the material in school previously. Watching the video and making notes is important as it will help them with the assessment, help improve their memory through copying examples, provide good revision notes for future tests and helping them to become an independent learner.

Their class teacher will check they have done their homework and notes but will also have access to every answer they gave on the quiz, how much of the video they have watched and how long they spent on the quiz. This allows teachers to help students who are struggling but also identify those who are not putting the required effort in. This is an example of what information class teachers get;



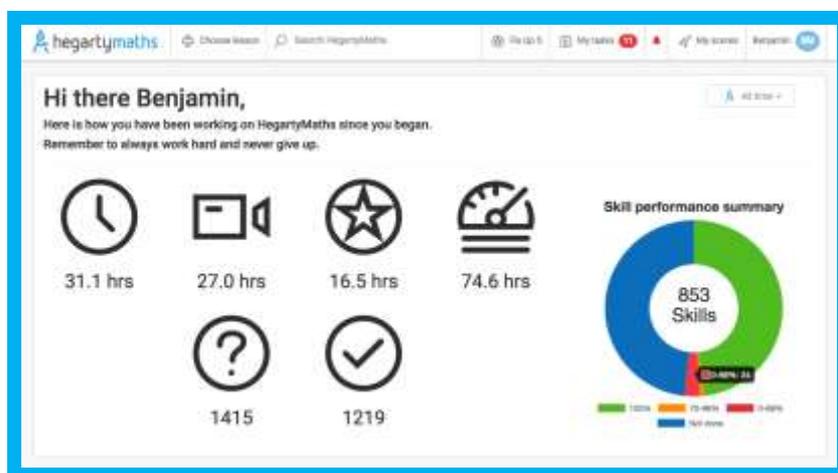
If your child is struggling with their homework they could watch the video again (usually there is an example in the video that is very similar to the questions in the assessment), or below the video is other tutorials they could look at on prior knowledge topics needed for the homework. They can also message or speak to their class teacher for help.



HegartyMaths can also be used as a revision tool, students can log in and choose topics to watch videos and/or do the quiz even if it hasn't been set for homework as part of revision for tests/mocks/GCSE examinations.

You can support your child by asking them about their homework, you could even watch the video together and encourage them to make useful notes, this isn't copying absolutely everything on the screen but pulling out the important information (especially the examples) they need to help them understand the topic and revise it later on.

If wanting extra work, students can revisit their weaker areas and try to improve them. They can find these on their HegartyMaths home page in the skills performance summary (which looks like a donut) they will be red (which means they scored less than 70% on the assessment). See the screenshot of what it looks like below;



Students can also complete Fix Up 5 challenges, found on the toolbar at the top, which creates a quiz containing 5 questions they previously got wrong from all the assessments they have done so far.

I hope you have found this helpful but if you have any questions regarding HegartyMaths please contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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