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Dear Parent/Carer

Morton Academy and MESME are inviting high-attaining Year 7 students to join an exciting new enrichment programme, MESME Maths Circles. Participation is **free** for all state-funded school students.

Your child has been invited to join a Maths Circle from January 2023. Sessions will be on a Monday after school for 1 hour each week 3:15 – 4:15pm. We very much hope you will want your child to participate. Here are some more details. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

What are MESME Maths Circles?

MESME is a registered charity (no 1199281). MESME's purpose is to support high-attaining students to achieve mathematical excellence, so that they go on to have a greater and richer range of future personal, employment and economic choices. You can read more on MESME's website www.mesme.org.

In a MESME Maths Circle, a small group of students come together regularly with an experienced, knowledgeable mentor to grapple with intriguing questions, to discover and explore exciting ideas, and to learn to think like advanced mathematicians. Participating in Maths Circles will develop your child's mathematical reasoning and expand their mathematical curiosity, as well as refining their technical knowledge and skills. Your child will follow a precisely sequenced and carefully structured curriculum.

Students already participating tell us that Maths Circles are both challenging and satisfying! They say they feel part of a mathematical community, in their own Circle and in the wider network of Circles.

MESME has designed and written rich, stimulating and fun questions, tasks and explorations for the Circle sessions. MESME's hope is that your child will start participating in a Circle in January in Year 7 and continue for at least five school terms, to the end of Year 8. There will be a number of ways for your child to continue to participate in Year 9 and after.

Consent

Morton Academy and MESME take the protection of your personal information seriously and are fully committed to respecting the privacy of all individuals. Morton Academy will share personal information with MESME as well as information on your child's attendance at the Maths Circle sessions and through observations of the sessions. Information will only be used in connection with the Maths Circles programme and its administration.

To track the programme's long-term impact, data may be shared with an external research organisation to analyse the impact on student attainment compared to national statistics. As part of this research, the Department for Education (DfE) may collect subsequent data, such as exam results and academic destinations, from national student databases. Subsequent data collected by the DfE will only be used to further analyse the impact of the programmes and only be shared in an anonymised format.

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Morton Academy: <https://www.rrma.org.uk/privacy>

MESME: <https://mesme.org/data-protection-policy/>

By returning this form, you consent to your child taking part in the MESME Maths Circles programme for the 2022-23 academic year and personal data being processed in the ways described above and in the linked data protection policies.

Kind Regards

Mr Osborne
Second in Department, Maths

I consent to my child taking part in the Maths Circles sessions for the 2022-23 academic year and personal data being processed in the ways described above and in the linked data protection policies.

Student Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Date: _____

