

RI offers maths test, exam papers online

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THE highly prized maths test and exam papers from Raffles Institution are now going online – for a fee.

There is even an online exam at the end of each course, set to its Gifted Education Programme (GEP) curriculum.

The school has teamed up with India-based online educational provider Sankhyaa Learning to provide its worksheets, quizzes, tests and exam papers – from Primary 6 to Secondary 4 levels – on an online maths tutorial website.

The package is called the HeyMath! Programme from Raffles Institution for Mathematics Enrichment (Prime).

It rides on the success of Sankhyaa's online maths tutorial called HeyMath!

This self-study online maths tutorial was developed in India in 2000, in collaboration with Britain's Cambridge University. It has been used in about 50 schools here since 2001.

But RI's model is pitched higher, based on its GEP curriculum. While the format used to explain each topic is similar to the standard HeyMath!, the RI modules carry their own test and assessment material.

The school, which had almost all its students getting distinctions in mathematics in the 2004 O levels, sees the global reach of the Web as a new way to establish its brand name overseas.

Its senior deputy headmaster, Mr S. Magendiran, said: "We are a premier school and this is one way of sharing our experience and resources with schools overseas. It also allows other students to benchmark themselves against us."

At the end of each course, there is a final online exam for the students. A grade based on RI's internal grading system is then automatically issued.

Other than providing some consultancy work for the Singapore International School in Jakarta, this is RI's only other business venture.

RI's HeyMath! Prime programme is available at \$100 for every three modules. So far, 10 secondary school modules, like statistics, algebra and trigonometry, are already available. Another 10 will be ready by the middle of next year.

Minister of State for Education Lui Tuck Yew launched the programme at Raffles Junior College in Bishan yesterday.

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<http://www.heyath.net/prime> and
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