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**Letter 46**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Free Standing Mathematics Qualification: Additional Mathematics**

We have chosen to offer the opportunity of sitting the above qualification to all top set Key Stage 4 students this year and I am writing to explain the structure and arrangements for the delivery of the course and the rationale behind it. It is an optional qualification, however, we thoroughly recommend that your child chooses to engage in what will be not only a Level 3 qualification to put on their CVs but will also enhance their understanding in the subject and consolidate and extend their knowledge of their GCSE Mathematics. We firmly believe that by taking part it will boost the students' performances in the standard GCSE.

As has been stated Additional Maths is an extension to student's knowledge needed in the GCSE. Thus, there is a lot of overlap with the higher GCSE topics which they will be taught anyway. Therefore, there will be many opportunities to weave the content into the normal lesson time and consolidate and deepen the students' understanding of the GCSE content. However, in addition to this there will also be weekly on a (Monday) after school lessons timetabled as a 'period 6' to be able to get through all the content needed for the Additional Mathematics qualification. There will also be targeted intervention sessions available (also on a Monday) to address any gaps in learning students have in the standard GCSE; these will be identified during the year through various assessments.

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Please return this slip to Mr Green

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## **Free Standing Mathematics Qualification: Additional Mathematics**

Name of student: ..... Form: .....

I consent to my child attempting to gain an extra qualification of Additional Maths to further develop their knowledge in Mathematics.

I would like my child to just be entered for GCSE Mathematics.

Signed: .....  
(Parent/Carer)

Date: .....

Qualifications of Additional Maths is provided by OCR exam board and consists of one paper (duration 2 hours) to be completed during the exam period in May/June. This will give an extra qualification (graded A-E) that is recognised by Universities (10 extra UCAS points) in addition to, hopefully, giving students the confidence and skill-set to opt to take Mathematics at A Level in Key Stage 5; a popular and very well thought of qualification in future applications for university and beyond.

I hope this gives you clarification to our forecast and direction for the current Year 11 maths cohort. Please send back the return slip to Mr Green to show that you have read and agree to your child studying the qualification.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'J. Green', written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

**Mr Green**

KS4 Coordinator of Mathematics