

11 January 2018

KS4 Guided Pathways - Year 8 into 9
Maths

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to you to indicate that we would like to offer your son/daughter the opportunity to improve their GCSE performance in maths as they start KS4 in September 2018.

As you may know, a grade 5 in maths has been designated by the government as the new threshold for a 'strong' GCSE pass. This is a higher threshold than the existing grade C (existing grade C is equivalent to the new grade 4). We want to make sure that your son/daughter is able to achieve this level.

Although it is early in the process, at this stage it looks unlikely that your son/daughter will attain a grade 5 in maths unless we can give them more help; and in particular, increased lesson time, to improve.

Fortunately, we can offer an additional three hours of maths next year (and then four hours in year 10). This will become one of your son/daughter's Guided Pathway subjects through year 9 and 10. We are convinced that this would be the best course of action, because the GCSE maths qualification is so important. Remember also that this is just one of their three Guided Pathway subjects for year 9 and 10; and in addition, there may be the chance to pick up a further Guided Pathway subject(s) in year 11.

I am sure you will want to support us in helping your son/daughter to raise their level of attainment in this key subject. I will assume that you are happy for the Academy to proceed with this opportunity. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact me in writing by Monday 15 January 2018. Letters can be handed directly to me or to reception if necessary.

For information, when your son/daughter receives their KS4 subject choice form next week, it will ask them to choose two subjects to study alongside this maths course.

Yours faithfully

Dan Hands

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