September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

**RE: AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics**

For a number of years our brightest mathematicians have had the opportunity to sit an additional qualification in mathematics. The Level 2 Further Mathematics course builds upon and extends the ideas from GCSE, developing further understanding, introducing new topics such as matrices and calculus, and increasing the rigour of proof. Every year our students have found the course interesting and challenging. AQA have now redeveloped it as a 9-1 course and for the last five years we have successfully run the course as an after-school option for interested students and will use a similar model this year.

The course is open to all students working at or towards grades 7 to 9 and, whilst optional in take-up, would require commitment from the students if opted for. If your child is interested in this course, we will be running the after school sessions on a Thursday, until around 4.20pm throughout Year 10 and 11. These sessions will begin on Thursday 3rd November.

This course particularly provides an excellent introduction to mathematics beyond GCSE, and students considering taking A-Level Maths or Further Maths will find benefit in the course. Further information can be found at <https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/aqa-certificate/further-mathematics-8365>

To introduce the course, I shall be running a taster session for students on Thursday 20th October from 3.30 until 4pm. If your son/daughter is interested in taking Further Mathematics and will attend the taster session please complete the reply slip and return to their maths teacher or myself. If they would like to take Further Mathematics but would be unable to attend the taster session please email me on the address below.

Yours sincerely

**Miss S Brown**

**Mathematics Teacher**

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**Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ TG: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

My child would like to attend the Further Maths Taster session on Thursday, 20th October from 3.30 – 4.00 pm.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Return this slip to your child’s maths teacher*