

ST MARY'S COLLEGE



INTRODUCTION

We offer a one-year linear course at the Foundation level. If you have not already obtained a GCSE pass at grade C or above, you may need to follow this course, if you need a mathematics qualification in order to proceed to higher education or for use in employment. You will have the opportunity, if appropriate, to resit GCSE Maths in November to obtain an early pass.

Content

We follow the Edexcel 1380 Linear GCSE at the Foundation level. The possible grade range is C – G for the Foundation tier.

How is the course delivered?

There will be 5 contacts per week, adding up to 4 hours 35 minutes.

Our teaching approach will involve teacher input and time for discussion with the teacher and within small groups. Students will be encouraged to take notes, but the most important part of any course is having time to do plenty of practice. You will be expected to discuss your mathematics in order to “iron out” any misunderstandings. Students will have access to Mymaths resources.

Entry requirements

A grade D in GCSE Mathematics. Given the right attitude, most students are capable of moving up to a grade C.

What skills and interests do I need?



It is essential that you approach the course with a positive frame of mind and able to demonstrate your commitment to your studies. This means attempting all work set and attending regularly. You will be required to do lots of questions, and homework will be set regularly. You need to provide yourself with a good scientific calculator and the appropriate mathematical equipment, ie pens, pencils, rulers and geometrical instruments. All notebooks will be provided, plus any graph paper etc.,

How is the course assessed?

Internal Assessment

You will be given plenty of work to do in class and for homework in order to show your understanding of the work covered. All work is targeted towards specific skills and content which will be assessed in the external exams. This work will be assessed on a common scale and graded as if it were a GCSE examination. Regular contact-specific tests will occur to measure progress and in the run up to external exams you will be expected to sit mock exams and do past papers. Students are encouraged to seek the help of any Mathematics teacher with homework difficulties before the work is due in. Closer to the time of modular exams you will be expected to sit mock exams and do past papers.

Progression routes

A grade C in GCSE Mathematics is required for a career in teaching and nursing and many other professions. It is being considered more and more as an essential part of a “rounded” education, and many employers require a C grade in Maths.

Further Information

For further information please contact Huda Dawood, Keith Turland and Robert Williams.

Full specifications can be found at www.edexcel.org.uk and then searching for 1380 in the box top right of the screen.

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