

# HELLESDON HIGH SCHOOL

## Mathematics Department

The Maths Department has worked hard to establish a trend of rising GCSE results. We have good uptake at AS and A2 level, where we are able to offer mathematics and further mathematics to A2 level. A pleasing number of our students have chosen to study mathematics at degree level.

The teaching is shared throughout the Department, to offer a balanced timetable that suits staff development needs as well as capitalising on existing strengths. The Department is a supportive team, and shares the development of new courses and materials.

We benefit from a good level of resourcing. Each room has a digital projector and some have an interactive whiteboard. Each member of staff is supplied with a laptop. There is access to a number of computer suites, one of which is situated within the Maths Department.

There is a wide range of teaching resources available. There are plenty of materials to supplement the core texts. As long as the key objectives laid out in the schemes of work are covered, teachers are free to use a variety of resources.

At GCSE our courses are focused on meeting the needs of the students. Borderline grade C students sit a one-year foundation level GCSE at the end of Year 10. Those that are successful may move onto the higher course. Other students follow a more traditional two-year course.

The Department continues to have a strong focus on raising achievement. Planning and delivery of good or outstanding lessons is key to this. We also monitor students closely, and intervene appropriately when needed.

In order to achieve our goals we have to work effectively as a team.

The Department offers a stimulating and rewarding working environment.

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