A - Level Maths and Further Maths

- Edexcel specification
- Two-thirds Pure Maths
- One-sixth Statistics
- One-sixth Mechanics
- 3 x 2 hour exams

Students will be assessed regularly throughout the course

Pure Maths

- Algebra and functions
- Quadratic and cubic functions
- Equations and inequalities
- Sketching curves
- Coordinate geometry
- Sequences
- Trigonometrical functions
- Differentiation and integration
- Exponentials and logarithms

What is Statistics?

Statistics – collecting and analysing data and using this to make predictions about future events.

e.g. actuaries study statistical information to calculate the risk of a driver of a certain age having a car accident.

An understanding of probability and risk is important in careers like insurance, medicine, engineering and the sciences.

What is Mechanics?

Mechanics – the modelling of the world around us

e.g. at what angle would a cricketer aim to hit the ball in order to maximise the distance the ball will travel?

Students planning careers in physics or engineering would find mechanics particularly useful.

Entry Requirements:

Students <u>must</u> be in set 1 or 2 and achieve at least a grade 6 at GCSE.

All students who apply to do maths in the 6th form will be required to attend a maths induction day and complete an algebra assignment in the Summer term of Year 11.

Further Mathematics?

- A Level further mathematics is a natural progression for those wishing to study any science subject, particularly maths and physics or engineering at university.
- Mathematics must be taken as well as further mathematics.
- It is suitable for students who have enjoyed GCSE maths and have achieved at least a grade 7 at GCSE

- Edexcel specification
- 50% Pure Maths
- 25% Further Mechanics
- 25% Decision Maths
- 4 x 1½ hour exams

Students will be assessed regularly throughout the course

Pure Maths

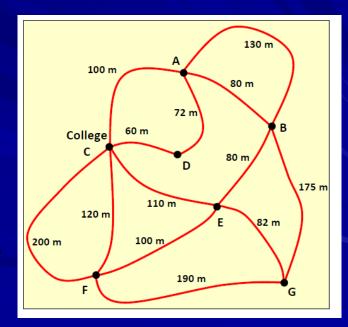
- Matrices
- Complex Numbers
- Vectors
- Sequences and Series
- Polar Coordinates
- Hyperbolic Functions
- Differential Equations

What is Decision Mathematics?

Decision Mathematics - finding efficient solutions to real life problems

e.g. what would be the most efficient route for delivering post around a network of streets?

The techniques are important in business, logistics and computer science.



Maths Quotes

- You have to work hard if you want to do well
- The afterschool support sessions really help
- The pace is fast you don't get bored but you have to keep your work up to date
- It's both challenging and rewarding
- Maths really helps with physics and chemistry
- You get the maths buzz!!

