



# Charters School

## Specialist Sports and Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to update you with some important information regarding the Mathematics course that your child will study next year.

This year all students have followed the modular course, OCR A, and have sat either one or two modular exams. Each of these exams is worth 25% of your child's grade, so some students will be entering Year 11 with 50% of their mathematics GCSE completed. For students continuing on this course they will sit Unit C, the final module worth 50%, in June along with their other GCSEs.

There are one or two things I wish to make you aware of with regard to the course and the results your child has obtained so far.

If your child is not happy with the results of one of their module examinations then there is an option to resit this module in November at a cost of £7.50. This will be discussed with them in September and the relevant forms will be sent home with your child to complete. Please note that there is a deadline that must be met otherwise the cost to resit will increase considerably.

If your child has failed to gain the appropriate grade in both of their module examinations then the likelihood of them achieving their target grade if they continue to follow the modular course is greatly reduced. In order to maximise their potential I will be altering their entry from modular to linear. This means that all module scores will be ignored and the grade will be based solely on the final papers that they do in June next year. The linear course contains exactly the same content but is examined solely at the end of year 11 with two examinations. This allows students who have found the course more challenging to have the time to mature mathematically before they sit the examinations.

In order to facilitate these changes there will be a restructuring of the current sets during the summer holiday to ensure that each group is filled with students targeting the same grade and that those who are taking the linear course are all in the same group. If your child does change set this is likely to be a result of this restructuring and I would like to stress that it is the target grade of the class that is important not the set number.

If your child is planning to continue Mathematics to A Level then it is a requirement of the A level course that they complete all three units at the higher level or they complete a higher linear paper, gaining a minimum of a B grade. This is to ensure that they have covered the higher level algebra skills required to be successful at A level. If you are concerned that this may affect your child then please contact their class teacher in September to discuss things further.

The success of achieving a good grade is of course down to a good revision programme and a commitment from your child to put 100% effort into their work. I would be grateful if you could encourage your child to practise Mathematics at home regularly, to attend any and all revision sessions made available to them at school. They should also keep in regular contact with their teacher seeking guidance and help whenever they need it.

I hope that this clarifies the situation for you. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Miss Williams (KS4 coordinator for Mathematics), via her email [willk010@rbwm.org](mailto:willk010@rbwm.org) or indeed by telephone.

Yours sincerely

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