

24th May 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

Changes to our Year 10 Maths Classes

Since the start of this academic year, we have had many new students join us at Ebor Academy Filey. Whilst we are always pleased to welcome new students at any time during the year, it has meant that our Year 10 cohort has grown significantly.

After careful consideration, we have made the decision to introduce a fourth teaching group for our Maths classes. This will help to reduce the number of students in each class and allow our teachers to support your child to make the best possible progress over the remainder of this academic year.

These new changes will result in one Higher GCSE Maths class, where all the students will study the whole syllabus focussing on levels 6, 7, 8 and 9; the other three classes will be mixed ability groups, with some students looking to progress to the Higher Maths exam paper, whilst others may be more comfortable working at the Foundation level for Maths GCSE. Final decisions on which exam these students take will not be made until much closer to the actual GCSE exam in Year 11.

In order to ensure our groupings are correct for Year 10 Maths, the whole cohort will take an exam on Tuesday 25 May. This will take place in the gym under strict exam conditions, just like the real exams, so the students will get their first taste of what the formal exams will be like in the summer of 2022.

We are confident that these new groupings will benefit our Year 10 students, allowing them the potential to achieve the best grades they can in their Maths GCSEs. They will need to continue to focus in every lesson, ask questions when they do not understand the topic being covered and consolidate their learning by completing regular homework.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above information, please contact Mrs Nimmo, Faculty Lead for Maths and ICT, to discuss further.

These changes will come in to effect from Monday 7th June, when we return to school after the half term. New timetables will be issued to the students with details of any changes that may affect them.

Kind regards

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Mrs Nimmo
Faculty Lead for Maths and ICT

