

## GCSE Maths - Foundation



### COURSE OVERVIEW

This is an intensive one year re-sit course aimed mainly at students who have previously taken a similar course in school and achieved a grade 2. The course has been specifically designed to be diagnostic so that we only teach the skills and topics that are missing and revise all others. Teachers will tailor their teaching and where necessary, take it right back to basics to re-lay the foundation knowledge required to successfully progress from a GCSE grade 2 to a grade 3 within the year. Following on from this year we expect that you will move onto the Fast Track GCSE course aimed at supporting your progress from a GCSE grade 3 to a grade 4 minimum. In exceptional circumstances students who demonstrate commitment and motivation will be capable of achieving a grade 4 within a single year. Throughout the course there will be a real focus on identifying the gaps in your skills and then filling them gaps using various teaching strategies. Teaching will focus on consolidating the fundamentals of maths, such as place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and ratio.

### CAREER PROGRESSION

There are 4.5 hours (3x1.5hr) of lessons per week with the option of weekly drop-in workshops. Workshops are open to all students and allow individuals to work in a supported environment with a teacher on a more one-to-one basis. To further support learning, the Maths department have set up an independent learning area where learners are encouraged to come during their free periods. This could be to complete homework, work independently on filling their own gaps, completing practice papers or consolidating what they have already learnt. Resources will be made available throughout the year in this area and via the college Moodle.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

For many progression routes, GCSE Maths (grade 4/C) is required. It is recommended that students research specific courses at their desired institutions/universities to ensure they hold the required entry qualifications.

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## KEY FACTS

### Course Duration:

One year course.

### Entry Requirements:

GCSE Maths grade 2 or Functional Skills Level 1.

### Assessment of GCSE:

The AQA GCSE Maths examinations consist of three equally weighted exams; each 1.5hrs long and 80 marks allocated. Exams include a non-calculator and two calculator papers. All students will take the Foundation tier where the highest grade achievable is a 5. The GCSE course is linear in nature with all three exams at the end of the academic year and the papers cover the full range of topics.

## GURLEEN



### Previous School:

St Francis School (India)

### After Gateway:

"I would like to go to University to do a Business degree".

"My confidence has improved by doing GCSE Maths. The teachers are very supportive".



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