

30th January 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

I wish to inform you about a change to the Mathematics examinations planned for our Year 10 students. Following a period of consultation, the decision has been made to enter the vast majority of our students for the WJEC (Welsh Board) Mathematics examinations. WJEC GCSE, we believe, will provide our students with the best possible opportunity to be successful and offers three tiers of paper (Higher, Intermediate and Foundation).

This course is graded A*-G and providing they are ready, students will sit the examination in October/November 2019.

The mathematical content is broadly similar, however between now and then we will finish teaching the content of the GCSE course and then students will be given the opportunity to attempt past papers. These will allow our students to gain experience in the style of assessment and we will also use them to assess whether they are ready for an early entry for their Mathematics GCSE. The Department of Education, Sport and Culture has kindly provided some additional funding, so the school will be able to purchase WJEC workbooks for students to use at home.

Please note, the Cambridge examination board may still be used if we deem it to be a more suitable alternative for some students.

Should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Yours sincerely

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Subject Leader of Mathematics