

New Head of Maths



December 2023

Dear Year 8 Parents,

I am writing to introduce myself as Head of Maths and inform you of some changes that may affect your child and explain our reasons behind making those changes. Over the last few weeks, I have been meeting with the staff from the maths department to find out about each of their classes. We are very committed to ensuring that all pupils have the best opportunity to succeed both this year, in their future qualifications and throughout their life using mathematics.

Earlier this year, you will have received a letter to explain that the classes would be reorganised so that pupils would be working in mixed ability groupings. In reviewing the data and in discussions with staff it is evident that this has not been successful for all pupils. Our intention is to adjust the classes to ensure that there is reduced variation in the attainment of the pupils. We think that whilst there will still be a range of abilities it will allow all to make the best possible progress. This is an important time in their mathematical journey as we prepare the pupils for their transition to their next school and eventually their GCSE programmes of study.

I am very much looking forward to stepping into the role of Head of Maths and thank you for your ongoing support with your child's mathematics. Over the coming months, I look forward to sharing with you the successes that your children achieve and the next steps in their learning. I hope remaining in these classes will give pupils the chance to achieve their best. In the first few weeks of January, I will be on paternity leave; if you have any concerns regarding maths please initially contact your child's maths teacher or if appropriate our new Deputy Headteacher, Mr Bowker.

Best regards,

Mr L Oates
Head of Maths