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Dear Parents

I am writing to provide information regarding the GCSE Further Maths course, which I am delighted to inform you will be offered again next year. The course is offered to all pupils in set one for Maths in Year 11.

This qualification fills the gap for high achieving pupils by assessing their higher order mathematical skills, particularly in algebraic reasoning, in greater depth, thus preparing them fully to maximise their potential in further studies at A level. It offers the opportunity for stretch and challenge that builds on the Key Stage 4 curriculum and is intended as an additional qualification to the GCSE Mathematics, rather than as a replacement. The content covers the areas of algebra and geometry, which are crucial to further study in the subject, in greater depth and breadth. It also gives an introduction to calculus and matrices and develops further skills in trigonometry, functions and graphs.

The AQA Level 2 Certificate in Further Mathematics is an un-tiered Level 2 linear qualification for learners who:

- either already have, or are expected to achieve, grades 7, 8 and 9 in GCSE Mathematics
- are likely to progress to A-Level study in Mathematics and possibly Further Mathematics.

In order to cover the content, classes will run from 4pm until 5.30pm each Thursday after school. There will be no homework set but pupils will be expected to keep up with homework set in other subjects and take into account their late end to the school day on a Thursday. There will be no mock exam in November, but practice exam papers will be completed later in the year, once all the content of the course is covered. Attendance is compulsory and any absences must be supported by a note in their planner and missing work will need to be caught up. Pupils are free to withdraw from the course at any stage in the first term, with written confirmation from home. At the end of the course there are two 90 minute examinations papers, taken towards the end of the GCSE examination cycle in June 2022. Results are awarded alongside GCSE results in August, although the result appears on a separate certificate.

Please feel free to contact me at school, should you have any further queries regarding the course. I would be grateful if you could email me a reply at palmer@redhouseschool.co.uk before the end of term.

Your sincerely

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