

## Frequently Asked Questions

### GCSE & Functional Skills Maths

**Question:** Will I have to retake my maths qualification?

**Answer:** If you achieved a grade U, 1, 2 or 3 in your GCSE maths exam you will have to study some form of Level 2 maths at College. If you are awarded a grade 3 then you will take the GCSE maths resit, if you receive a grade U, 1 or 2 then you will be enrolled on the Functional Skills Course

**Question:** I passed maths but want to get a higher grade, can I resit it at college?

**Answer:** Unfortunately we are only able to offer a resit course for students that have not yet achieved a grade 4.

**Question:** What is the Functional Skills maths qualification?

**Answer:** Functional skills is a maths qualification which focuses on the practical application of the subject. Students that have a grade U, 1 or 2 in maths will be enrolled on this subject. Students will sit a Level 1 and level 2 exam. The level 2 qualification is the equivalent to a GCSE grade 4, so when student have passed this exam they no longer have to study maths, although some students do choose to take their GCSE maths exam again after studying this course.

**Question:** How many other subjects can I choose alongside this one?

**Answer:** The majority of students will either study the transition programme alongside GCSE maths or 3 A-level (or equivalent) subjects.

**Question:** What is the learning style like within this subject?

**Answer:** Lessons are a mixture of methods and examples taught from the board, guided discovery of important principles and time to practice new concepts. Each lesson will feature a review of previous learning and an introduction of a new topic.

**Question:** How will I be assessed?

**Answer:** Students receive practice tests each term to review important topics that have been covered.

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**Question:** What support can I access if I am struggling?

**Answer:** We run several workshops throughout the week that are drop in sessions for students to ask any questions they have. There is also a workshop room which students are welcome to use even when not staffed and they can ask other students who will be working on the same problems. Teachers are always happy to answer student questions, and we encourage students to send us a picture of the question and any working they've attempted so we can give hints and suggestions. Second year students are available in some extra workshops or as 1-1 mentors as well.

**Question:** Will I be able to resit the exam in November?

**Answer:** In your first few lessons we will give you a diagnostic test which will allow us to give you a recommendation of when would be the best time for you to take the exam.

**Question:** Are there any subject specific entry requirements?

**Answer:** Yes, please refer to the prospectus [here](#) for general and subject specific entry requirements