



*"Achievement by
Faith and Work"*

The Maths Department

Information for prospective applicants

Maths is a core subject in the St Margaret's curriculum. A team of qualified Mathematicians, many of whom are very experienced, are committed to providing the best possible Maths education for our students.

Personnel

The Department currently comprises:

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| • Vacancy | Head of Maths | • Nicole Houston |
| • Chris Bratherton | (part-time) | • Sang Mendy |
| • Stephen Brierley | Principal | • John O'Halloran |
| • Jennifer Geddes | acting 2nd in Dept | • Tim Wadsworth |

John stepped down from his position as Head of Maths, and Chris from her position as second in Maths, during the summer term of 2022. At present, a slight shortfall in the number of teachers needed in the Department is being addressed through the use of supply. Stephen generally teaches one group each year, and Chris teaches 0.6fte; all other colleagues have full Maths timetables.

Accommodation, specifications and resources

Resources include a number of dedicated Maths classrooms, all equipped with multi-media projectors and some with interactive whiteboards. Monies for the Department adequately cover day-to-day needs and include a generous reprographics allowance. The AQA Board is used for GCSE and 'A'-level. The collaborative planning of resources and sharing of good practice has improved and stimulated all involved. Students are tested regularly to check and address progress. In-class support is offered by Learning Support Assistants where appropriate.

Standards

In 2019, 120 out of our 148 or 81% of the outgoing Year 11 pupils attained a grade between 9 and 4 in their GCSE Maths, which was above national averages. Progress was broadly in line with expectations. Post-16, according to ALIS and L3VA, our students' outcomes were in line with those obtained by other similarly-able students (as measured by average GCSE scores) in other settings.

Overview

The Maths team at St Margaret's is in transition – both in terms of its leadership and in terms of its curriculum. The curriculum is being refined to ensure that its intent is clear, its implementation is consistent, and its impact is strong. The vacancy we have for a Head of Maths therefore represents an outstanding opportunity for an ambitious individual to galvanise the team and ensure our students achieve even more highly going forward.

We are looking for a hard-working, enthusiastic subject leader who can demonstrate a deep understanding of how students learn Maths. Working with some experienced professionals, s/he will inspire the team to spur our students on to even greater heights. Whilst we are looking to appoint for January 2022, we may be in a position to offer the successful candidate an earlier start by negotiation.

Stephen Brierley
June 2022