
Mathematics Department Overview – Hollingworth Academy

The department consists of twelve specialist Mathematics teachers and a numeracy coordinator, led by the Head of Mathematics, Kate McBride.

The Mathematics staff are hardworking, enthusiastic and forward thinking. Ofsted has described the department as well managed and enthusiastically led, with good teaching and learning.

The department has twelve fully equipped classrooms, with three complete portable laptop units of 32 computers. All classrooms have interactive whiteboards, data projectors and visualisers, which can be linked to the teacher's own laptop.

The department is generously resourced with textbooks and specialist equipment. There are comprehensive Schemes of Work in place for KS3 and KS4 which meet the needs of the new curriculum.

The department is constantly looking for ways to improve the learning provisions for our pupils with their experiences and relationship towards the subject being at the forefront of this. The examination results are outstanding and have continued to improve.

The GCSE results continue to be well above national with 79% of pupils achieving a grade 4 or higher, 64% of pupils achieving grade 5 or higher and 23% of pupils achieving a grade 7 or higher in 2022.

In addition to this the department's progress 8 score is +0.31 placing the department in the top 20% of mathematics departments progress. Year 7 and year 8 classes receive three one hour lessons a week and year 9, 10 and 11 classes receive four hours of Mathematics teaching a week.

The department has been involved extensively with Manchester University, Teach First and Manchester Metropolitan University in the support of ITE training. We have taken trainees from bases A, B and C. The successful candidates will be part of an establishment that is progressive in its vision and was awarded "Good" status in the last OFSTED inspection.

Kate McBride
Head of Mathematics
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