



## Teacher of Mathematics

### The Department

Thirsk is a Specialist Mathematics and Computing College.

We are a team of specialist Mathematics teachers, including four full-time and three part-time colleagues, all of whom contribute to the Sixth Form programme. We are a friendly, supportive team who aim to inspire and enthuse students of all abilities to be confident Mathematicians. The Department's ethos is reflected in its motto "Everybody Counts".

### Facilities

The Department occupies a suite of rooms adjoining each other, with access to three computer rooms. It also has a stock room, a comfortable office and a workroom for all colleagues. Each classroom is equipped with an interactive whiteboard and the sharing of resources is facilitated and encouraged by the availability of common files on the school network.

### Curriculum

Students in Years 7, 10 and 11 receive seven 60 minute lessons per fortnight and Years 8 and 9, six. In Years 7-9, students are set, based on prior attainment, into two parallel bands, whereas Years 10 and 11 are in whole year blocking. The AQA syllabus is followed in Years 10 and 11. The Department's GCSE results and progress measures have been consistently well above the national average.

A Level Mathematics (Edexcel) and AS Level 3 Mathematical Studies (AQA) are popular choices at Thirsk School. We also offer Further Mathematics (Edexcel) which has been a successful course over many years, leading to regular Oxbridge entries. All courses run on eight 60 minute lessons per fortnight.

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