



# Tring School

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Dear Parent/Carer

In previous years when we have been able to offer Further Maths, the majority of the course is taught in the Spring Term, after the main GCSE Maths content is secure. To balance revision of the main Math GCSE, emphasis is put on self-study, and some lessons are run during lunch breaks.

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you that Tring School will not be able to offer GCSE Further Maths to our students this year.

While the precise manner in which GCSE grades will be awarded this year is not yet completely clear, we know that it will rely heavily on evidence collected by various assessments. As teaching of the content has not yet commenced, we have no evidence with which to award grades. We have, therefore, taken the decision to focus effort in lessons on maximising achievement at GCSE and remove the added distraction of an additional qualification.

This will come as a relief to some students, and a disappointment to others. For those intending to study Maths A Level, the GCSE Further Maths forms a useful bridging qualification. For these students, we will be encouraging self-study of the Further Maths GCSE content, with some guidance, over the summer as part of the normal Summer Work that prospective A Level candidates undertake.

If you have further questions, particularly about A Level, I can be contacted at [tfox@tringschool.org](mailto:tfox@tringschool.org).

Yours faithfully

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