The Maths Department at The Oldershaw Academy

The Maths Department at The Oldershaw Academy is a cohesive team, with a strong record of academic success and a clear vision of where we want to go. We believe that every pupil in our community has the right to an outstanding mathematics education, with the most able fully equipped to study STEM subjects at Russell Group Universities. We strategically plan intervention for all pupils, ensuring that our least able are supported in smaller teaching groups with our most gifted pupils receiving significant small group intervention and challenge.

We are looking to appoint a high quality and enthusiastic Head of Mathematics who shares our values and ambition. We offer Mathematics at KS3 through to KS5. The Maths Department has a strong record of developing existing and new staff both professionally and pedagogically. In line with the Ark Maths Mastery curriculum which has been embedded into KS3 over the last two years, we run a weekly Departmental Workshop where we look at specific mathematical topics and how they are best delivered. At the weekly workshop, we share best practice on AfL and questioning techniques, improving pupils’ mathematical fluency, misconceptions, BfL strategies etc. Incoming Heads of Department would be expected to continue this outstanding practice.

Maths staff play a crucial role in many school wide programmes and contribute to the mission and values of the entire academy. For suitably driven and ambitious professionals, there is genuine opportunity to develop school wide leadership responsibilities.

The Department currently has six full-time members of teaching staff, supported by four Maths tutors who support intervention strategies at KS4. The Head of Maths will be supported by Mr Williams as Second in Department.