**MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT**

Our Maths team sits within the Faculty for Maths & Science, under the vision and guidance of a Faculty Director. The overall faculty consists of 14 teachers, of which 4 carry responsibility points, 2 specifically in Maths. The delivery of the Maths curriculum is undertaken by 9 subject specialists and is supported by mathematic specific Learning Support Assistants to aid the progress of our students.

As a core subject Mathematics has a key role to play in the school. As a result Mathematics classes are taught in designated Mathematics rooms with SMART interactive whiteboards, and benefits from access to a breakout area for students, a teaching room for small-group intervention and a workroom for staff.

The students in Maths are grouped by mathematical ability. In Year 7 students are set across the full year group and in Years 8-11 they are set within 2 parallel bands by ability. In September 2018 students started following a new, criteria-driven, five-year scheme of learning with inbuilt assessment and intervention points to ensure that students make outstanding progress.

Every student is given the opportunity to achieve their full potential in Mathematics. In Years 7 and 8, we offer students the opportunity to work as part of the Tomorrow’s Engineers EEP Robotics Challenge, as well as entering our high-achieving students for the UKMT Junior Mathematics Challenge. In Years 9–11 we enter students for the UKMT Intermediate Mathematics Challenge and we offer Level 2 Further Maths as an extra-curricular option for high-achieving Year 10 and Year 11 students. In the near future, we hope to extend our Mathematics Challenge entries to our feeder primaries, as well as improving our participation in the UKMT Team Challenges, by organising an in-house event across Years 7 to 10.

Staff are committed to continually raising the profile of Mathematics within the school by encouraging motivation and interest in the subject, both inside and outside of the classroom. To support the Maths department all form groups engage in a differentiated Maths activity once per week. We offer weekly revision sessions for all Year 11 students and have a staffed ‘Maths Doctor’ drop in service after school where all students can seek extra support, as well as directing students to online resources to support their learning.

If you are an outstanding Maths specialist, with experience at both KS3 and KS4, Mount St Mary’s Catholic High School would be pleased to hear from you. Come and join our fantastic team.