

To: Year 11 students

Re: Sixth Form course – Core Maths

Have you ever thought that you may never have a maths lesson again?! I am sure that you probably have and this may be a relief for many of you. Now, think about next year, when you may be studying Biology, Geography, Business, Technology or Engineering (to name but a few); will you still remember how to calculate percentages, averages, work with graphs etc? Well, we have something that will help you (and get you UCAS points or maybe even a lower offer from University).

Core Maths is taken over two years, with four teaching hours per fortnight: two of these lessons take place during Wednesday afternoon enrichment sessions. While it is timetabled during enrichment sessions, the course is examined at the end of Year 13 and you will get a grade, which is equivalent to approximately half an A level in UCAS points. You take it alongside your other Level 3 courses.

By studying Core Maths, you will improve your numerical and statistical understanding, learn how to be more thoughtful and critical when using Mathematics (and, let's face it, Maths is everywhere!) and acquire some new statistical analysis techniques, which will closely support other subject areas, particularly Geography and Biology. You will develop an interest in how data is used and improve your estimation skills (sometimes called 'back of an envelope maths'). You will also learn about how your salary and tax is calculated, how student loans work and what happens when you get a mortgage. And, last but not least, you will enjoy learning new skills.

If you think this course might be for you, email Mrs Bennett mbe@formbyhighschool.com or Mr Williams rwi@formbyhighschool.com and we will contact you with ideas and activities to keep your mathematical skills ticking over before you start Year 12.