Without mathematics, there’s nothing you can do.

EVERYTHING AROUND YOU IS NUMBERS.

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Why choose Mathematics at Carmel?

Having successfully completed your GCSE course you are now in a position to tackle Maths at a more advanced level. This is a highly regarded and enjoyable A Level. When compared to GCSE Maths, students often find A level maths a much more stimulating and enjoyable course.

Here at Carmel we are very proud of our Maths students' outstanding record of achievement over many years. We can guarantee that every student will receive first class tuition using a variety of teaching strategies in a modern spacious environment. This, coupled with our excellent support programme, makes Carmel, in our opinion, the only place to study Maths.

What will I study?

A Level Mathematics builds from GCSE level Mathematics (number, algebra, graphs and trigonometry) and introduces calculus and its applications. It emphasises how mathematical ideas are interconnected, teaches students how to make sense of data, to understand the physical world and to solve problems in a variety of contexts, including social sciences and business. It prepares students for further study and employment in a wide range of disciplines involving the use of mathematics.

How is the course examined?

A Level Mathematics will be assessed by three exams at the end of the second year of study. These exams will focus on pure mathematics, statistics and mechanics. Carmel's Mathematics department offers lots of support to ensure that all our students feel well prepared for their examinations.

Where does this course lead?

Maths can lead to a myriad of courses in both further and higher education. Obvious careers include accountancy, banking, engineering, medicine, computing and scientific statistical research.

However, there are many other diverse areas where mathematical skills are recognised as invaluable and essential. If you are planning to study a mathematics based course at university, we recommend that you should also choose A Level Further Maths.

Carmel College has given me the confidence to progress further in all my subjects, particularly Mathematics.

I would definitely recommend Maths to future Carmel students. Although time and patience is needed, I believe that this hard work pays off when you exceed your own expectations.

I find Maths lessons very enjoyable! I love how my teacher uses different techniques to explain complex maths in an interesting way and, as a result, I am more inquisitive and interested in mathematical ideas and solutions.

Extra resources online, provided to us by the Mathematics department, help to challenge students and give us plenty of opportunity to improve. Out of lessons, tutorial sessions are held frequently in the week where teachers are happy to help students if they are struggling with any homework; the staff always give us maximum support.

I have not yet decided on my future career path, but I know that Mathematics will be extremely beneficial for many different areas of work.

Tess Hankinson
St Gregory’s
Studying: Mathematics, Drama & Theatre, English Lang & Lit

A Level Mathematics Results

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What is Further Maths?
If you get a grade 7 or above at GCSE you should seriously consider studying Further Mathematics. Mathematics is such a vast subject it is impossible to cover it all in one A Level. A Level Further Mathematics builds on some of the concepts met in A Level Maths and is able to extend these in to other areas. It attracts students who thoroughly enjoy the subject and are keen to extend their understanding and knowledge. Contrary to a common misconception, the majority of the course is no more difficult than A Level Mathematics. Students who study both actually perform better due to their increased understanding of Mathematics in general.

Why study Further Maths?
Further Mathematics is designed for students with an enthusiasm for Mathematics, many of whom will go on to degrees in Mathematics, Engineering, the Sciences and Economics. Students who study this course go off to University and find the content covered and skills acquired of great benefit. If you are considering a Mathematics or Engineering based degree you may find that some Universities will actually require that you have studied Further Mathematics. It is also good for those students who are considering applying for a competitive degree course, for example Oxbridge entry.

What will I study?
As well as building on Algebra and Calculus introduced in A Level Mathematics, the A Level Further Mathematics Core content introduces Complex Numbers and Matrices, fundamental mathematical ideas with wide applications in Mathematics, Engineering, Physical Sciences and Computing.

How is the course examined?
A Level Further Mathematics will be assessed by three exams at the end of the second year of study. These exams will focus on Core Mathematics and a variety of applied topics.
What is Statistics?
Statistics is not only an application of Mathematics, but is a growing field of study in its own right. More and more areas of our lives are influenced by Statistics and knowing just how they fit into other studies is an advantage.

Statistics is used in everything from deciding how much orange juice Tesco will buy next year to whether or not a new drug will indeed cure a serious illness. It is said that no-one can now expect to get through their working life without some contact with computers; the same is rapidly becoming true of Statistics.

What will I study?
A Level Statistics builds upon the Statistics and Probability components of GCSE Mathematics and teaches students how to make sense of data trends and to solve statistical problems in a variety of contexts, such as Psychology, Biology, Geography, Business and the Social Sciences. It prepares students for further study and employment in a wide range of disciplines which use statistical analysis and reasoning with data. The topics include data analysis, probability, data distributions, hypothesis testing and regression analysis.

How will I be assessed?
A Level Statistics will be assessed by three (two hour) exams, which will take place at the end of the second year of study.

What will Statistics prepare me for?
Statistics A Level is a reputable subject and a good grade will help with any Higher Education application. It will also be a major benefit to any qualification involving Psychology, Geography and Biology. Statistics is now used so widely that many employers would see a qualification in Statistics as a distinct advantage. Many students have enjoyed Statistics so much that they go on to study it further at university. Statistics would also be the perfect choice if you are planning to follow a career path into finance or business.

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What I like about Carmel is that they offer a large amount of support, not only in lessons, but with University applications, apprenticeships, work placements and more!

Statistics is my favourite subject. The teaching styles are interesting and make it easy to understand the applications of the subject itself. Studying Statistics has not only greatly increased my understanding of how to apply my knowledge, but it has had a big influence on my university offers to study Psychology. This is because Statistics forms the framework of basic psychological research methods. One of my UCAS offers has lowered drastically because I study A Level Statistics.

I would highly recommend the course to anyone wishing to go on to do Psychology, or other analytical based subjects, as the teaching is incredible and students get a lot of support. The highlight of my time at Carmel has been the teachers here, not only do they teach well, but they do it with passion and make every lesson enjoyable!

Joshua Aldridge
Kirkby High School
Studying: Statistics, Psychology, History
What is Core Maths?
Core Maths is a one year course for those with a GCSE Mathematics grade 4 or above who want to keep up their valuable maths skills but who are not planning on taking A Level Mathematics. At the end of the course, you will have achieved a Level 3 qualification, similar to an AS.

The course not only supports your work in other subjects involving maths content at A Level, but is also designed to deepen and extend your mathematics and be better prepared for higher education and employment.

What will I study?
Core Maths will help you to understand and apply clear, mathematical reasoning to real-life problems, analyse and interpret data in various contexts and confidently deal with everyday financial maths.

How is it assessed?
Core Maths is assessed by final examination at the end of the course. The qualification merits UCAS points equivalent to an AS Level.

What will it prepare me for?
Core Maths has been designed to maintain and develop real-life skills. It can be applied on a day-to-day basis in work, study or life. It will also help with other A Level subjects, in particular with Science, Geography, Business Studies, Psychology and Economics.

The skills developed in the study of Mathematics are increasingly important in the workplace and in higher education; studying Core Maths will help you keep up these essential skills. On average, students who study Maths after GCSE improve their career choices and increase their earning potential.

Studying at Carmel has allowed me to learn new skills such as time management and allowed me to become more independent which will be useful in my future career. Everyone at college is so welcoming and always willing to help.

I chose to do Core Maths as I enjoyed Maths at high school but didn’t want to take it at A Level. I would recommend this course to everyone as I believe the skills and topics covered are relevant to everyday life. For example, we learn about taxes and student loans which I have found very useful, as I am looking at going on to study at university.

Core Maths has also allowed me to maintain my maths skills which has helped me with my other subjects, for things like representing data in graphs. The course is completed alongside my three A Level subjects but I still have time to relax and study!

Anya Watters
Rainhill High
Studying: Core Maths, Biology, Psychology, Physical Education

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MATHS ENRICHMENT

Maths Competitions
Each year students enter the UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. In 2018, 53 students gained certificates with 3 achieving Gold and 2 students qualifying for the British Mathematical Olympiad paper.

We also enter teams for the UKMT Team Maths Challenge as well as the Liverpool Maths Society Pop Maths Quiz, where students compete against teams from across the region. Team Carmel have won the Pop Maths Quiz for the last two years.

In the UKMT this year, Team Carmel came 2nd in the regional qualifiers which meant they missed out on travelling to London to compete in the Finals, a feat they achieved in 2017!

Educational Talks
The department offers educational talks covering a wide range of mathematical careers. Recent talks have included information on apprenticeships with Siemens, accountancy and finance at KPMG and ‘Statistics in the real world’ from Nottingham University.

Problem Solving Workshops
High achieving students attend problem solving workshops at the University of Liverpool organised by the Further Mathematics Support Programme.

Maths Workshop with Oxford Professor
Professor Balázs Szendrői from St Peter’s College, Oxford, completed a workshop with some of our talented Maths students. It gave them the opportunity to think differently about geometrical problems and to investigate the relationship between reflections, rotations and translations on the x-y plane. Professor Szendrői also held a question and answer session for those students interested in applying to Oxford University. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students who benefitted greatly from the sessions.

Extension Paper Support
Students who want to study mathematics related courses at prestigious institutions such as Cambridge, Oxford, Warwick and Imperial College London will have to complete admission tests such as the MAT, STEP or the AEA. Carmel is able to provide support and guidance to students preparing for all these examinations as well as assistance in preparing them for their interviews.
Trips

The Maths department has organised trips to Barcelona, visiting a number of venues including Gaudi’s Sagrada Familia and Parc Guell, the Gothic Quarter, Camp Nou and Port Aventura.

Previously there have been trips to China the East coast of America and the West coast. The most recent trip was to the East coast of America and Canada, visiting New York, Finger Lake, Niagara Falls, Toronto and Boston. All the trips have been a huge success and enjoyed by students and staff alike.
What is the Maths department like?
The Maths department is located in its own teaching block which houses a suite of 8 modern, bright and spacious classrooms. Each classroom has a multi-media projector and interactive whiteboard which is linked to the college network and internet. In addition, there is also a fully resourced student work base.

What support will I receive?
The support systems within the Maths department are almost legendary! Each student's needs are continually assessed and monitored throughout the year. Formal tutorials are then in place to address the specific problems students are having.

At exams time the department also runs a much valued comprehensive series of revision tutorials to supplement a student's own revision programme. No Maths student at Carmel is ever struggling for support at this critical time in the academic year.

How successful are Carmel's Maths students?
At Carmel we are extremely proud of the outstanding results Mathematics students have obtained over a period of many years and for a substantial number this has been high grades.

For others however, a pass grade is a real achievement and we are just as proud of this. We aim to bring out the best in all our students, whatever their potential or their academic ability.

Why are our Maths results so outstanding?
- An excellent course structure
- Individual targets set for each student, which are monitored and checked on regular occasions throughout the course
- Rigorous homework policy
- High expectations of all of our students
- Regular testing and monitoring of progress
- Intensive tutorial programme in periods leading up to external examinations
- Excellent relationships between students and staff
- Very approachable and experienced staff
- Extensive support systems

What are the entry requirements for these courses?
- **Maths**
  - GCSE grade 6 in Maths
- **Further Maths**
  - GCSE grade 7 in Maths
- **Statistics**
  - GCSE grade 5 in Maths
  - GCSE grade 4 in English Language
- **Core Maths**
  - GCSE grade 4 in Maths

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