



Banding in Mathematics

Dear Parent/Guardians,

I am writing to you to inform you of class changes in Mathematics that will take place at the start of the next half term. All year 7 students are currently in mixed ability sets across all subjects however, the Mathematics department will be banding year 7 following various forms of assessment over the first half of term. This will involve classroom and teacher changes and this information will appear on Insight.

As outlined in the Parent Handbooks, Mathematics is banded throughout the school in all year groups, due to the demands of the subject and the nature of the tiered examinations at GCSE. All students sit either a foundation or higher paper, suited to their ability. These papers have different content and style of questions.

Our aim is to challenge all students to achieve in mathematics and while GCSE and exam papers are not for students of year 7 to currently worry about, our ultimate aim is to prepare all students to succeed throughout their time at Wildern

There are opportunities for students who work hard and exceed progress expectations to move between bands and access the more challenging curriculum. Likewise students can be moved to a band with a more supportive curriculum if appropriate. These decisions will be made to support your child in making the best possible progress in mathematics while at Wildern.

Yours sincerely

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