

EDUCATION EVOLVED

Maths

What sort of calculator will I need?

For A-level maths and further maths you need a calculator that is capable of summary statistics. The one you use for GCSE may not be sufficient! We would recommend the Casio 'Classwiz' FX-991EX (£25-£30) or you can hire a graphical calculator from the college for £30 (you keep the calculator for both years you are doing the course).

You will need a calculator for Core Maths. The one you used at GCSE will be fine but you could also use the Casio 'Classwiz'.

What grades do I need?

For A-level maths and further maths you will need a grade 7 or above in GCSE maths.

For Core Maths you need a grade 4 or above to do the 2 year course or a grade 5 or above to take the accelerated 1 year course.

How large are the classes?

The average class size is around 20 students for all maths courses.

What exam board do you follow?

Edexcel for A-level maths and further maths and OCR for Core Maths.

Do I need textbooks for the course?

For both A-level courses you will need access to the Pearson Exexcel textbooks. We do not recommend buying these until you have started the course as we have an online subscription service that allows you to access all of the textbooks for the duration of your course for a small fee (£7.50). You will also have free access to Edexcel Integral online learning materials.

Whilst there is no textbook for Core Maths, you will also have free access to the OCR Integral online learning materials.

Is Core Maths a whole subject choice?

No. While Core Maths is a level 3 course, it should be chosen as an additional course alongside your 3 A-levels / equivalent choices.

Can I choose A-level maths and further maths and only one other subject?

Further maths needs to be chosen as a fourth A-level so you will need to choose two other subjects to do alongside maths and further maths.

Is Core Maths an AS qualification?

Core Maths is not an AS but is a level 3 qualification that carries the same UCAS tariff points as an AS.

At GCSE I really enjoyed algebra and problem solving. Is A-level maths for me?

Absolutely! Algebra is a key component of the A-level course so if you enjoyed it and were successful in it at GCSE then A-level math is certainly for you!

