# Maths

# GCSE – OCR

# **General Course Information**

We offer the opportunity to improve upon the results of GCSE examinations as a one year course.

There are various reasons why a student may not have achieved their desired grades; personal or family circumstances, illness, a lack of motivation, or simply poor exam technique. We help build a student's confidence and skills and help them succeed in attaining the grades they deserve.

The GCSE retake course is different to a normal GCSE course. It is a one year course, as opposed to the general two or three year course followed in secondary school. GCSE retake students will have covered the majority of the syllabus previously and will mainly refresh the GCSE content and focus on answering questions on topics, studying areas of particular weakness and building up exam confidence. We offer this course at Foundation level only

#### How is the course assessed?

Students will be required to attend 2 lessons per week, of which some will be teaching sessions and others will be mentoring sessions. A range of teaching techniques will be used along with textbooks and worksheets. All students are provided with content and syllabus information.

The course follows the standard GCSE programme of study, which is assessed by three written examinations in June, or earlier in November if staff feel that it is appropriate. All exams last for 90 minutes, and are worth 100 marks. The first paper is calculator, then non calculator before finishing with another calculator paper.

## Who's it for?

All students who have not already gained the Mathematics grade they require for current or future courses are expected to take this course and to show the determination to succeed. You must consider this a serious part of your commitment to further education at The City of Leicester College.

You must show the desire and ability to improve upon your previous result. You should be aiming to improve by one or possibly two grades. An improvement of a grade is only possible with considerable commitment. You will need to work hard, attend all lessons on time and complete regular homework assignments. If you are aiming at an improvement of more than one grade, more effort and time will be needed.

## Progression

A good grasp of essential mathematical concepts and techniques provides an important background to the study of many other subjects.

This course should lead to an improvement from the grade you achieved last time. Most Further and Higher Education institutes and universities will have a specific Mathematics grade as part of their entry requirements, so success in your GCSE resit will open up many opportunities in the future.

