EXAMINATION BOARD

Edexcel

DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE
IGCSE Mathematics is an examination designed for a wide ability range. It provides opportunities for students to demonstrate their knowledge, skill, and understanding. To achieve this, Mathematics is examined at two levels, referred to as the IGCSE Foundation and the IGCSE Higher.

ENTRY INFORMATION
The IGCSE Foundation recognises positive achievement in areas of Mathematics which are useful in everyday life and employment. The IGCSE Higher curriculum is intended for Mathematically higher-attaining students, who are likely to go on to further study in Mathematics..

Your child will be placed in the appropriate tier towards the end of Year 9.

Courses and grades available for next academic year.	
Foundation	5, 4, 3, 2, 1
Higher	9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3

Please note that in order for your child to continue Mathematics at AS and A-Level we recommend at least a Grade 7 in the Higher course. Students who follow the Foundation course cannot progress on to AS or A Level.

METHOD OF ASSESSMENT
The examination consists of two papers, each covering all of the topics in the course. Both papers consist of a mixture structured questions, both short and long response, across all major topic areas. Those students failing to achieve a 1 in Foundation or a 3 in Higher will be ungraded. It is therefore important that students are entered at the appropriate level.