

7th September 2018



Inspiring Optimistic Learners

Dear Parent/Carer

The Mathematics department at TCC have been achieving excellent GCSE results for the last 5 years, and this year again we want your child to achieve their very best in this core subject. We are currently working towards the GCSE exams set provisionally for May 21st, June 6th and June 11th 2019.

As you are hopefully aware students sat a formal mock exam comprising of 3 papers all at either Higher or Foundation Tier at the end of year 10. Some students also sat one paper of the alternate tier so that we could compare experiences, scores and success. These papers were marked and graded by teachers using the Edexcel grade boundaries from the June 2018 exams. Your child has received their results today in class.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students who have achieved or who are close to their target, and to encourage those not quite on track yet to ensure that they are best prepared for next summer.

At this stage of the course we need to decide on the best pathway forwards in order for students to achieve their full potential. There are two tiers of exam in maths: Higher and Foundation. The diagram below shows the grades available on both, and the overlap of questions/grades.

Higher	9	8	7	6	5	<u>4</u>	3		
Foundation					5	<u>4</u>	3	2	1

The bottom of the new grade 4 is equivalent to the bottom of the old grade C.

These questions will be identical on both papers.

We have looked at results from all students from: mock exams, in-class tests over years 9 and 10, classwork, homework, overall effort, and from knowing students individually, and we are now best placed to make a professional judgement as to which Tier of Entry we think your child is most suited to, and which gives them the best opportunity for success.

Students have been placed in groupings based on Tiers of Entry as below:

Mrs Seaman and Mr Doogan: Higher Tier

Mr Maestri, Mrs Blandin, and Mr Watkins: Foundation Tier

There will be further assessments over the course of year 11, with both formal mocks, and in-class assessments. These decisions made at this stage are not necessarily final for the Summer 2019 GCSE. We will, of course, keep you updated over the year with any changes. If you have any immediate queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact either the class teacher, or myself via reception or via email.

Kind regards

Mrs Julie Seaman

Faculty Leader of Maths, Business and Computing

seaman.j@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk

Torpoint Community College
Trevol Road
Torpoint
Cornwall, PL11 2NH

tel: 01752 812 511
fax: 01752 815 014
email: enquiries@torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk
web: www.torpoint.cornwall.sch.uk