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Dear Parent/Carer,

From September 2019 the Mathematics department will be providing the opportunity for selected year 10 students to take an extra GCSE from one of the following: **GCSE Higher Statistics**, **GCSE Foundation Statistics** and **GCSE Economics**. We believe that these subjects will offer the students a broader understanding of both the mathematics we will be learning in lesson and other areas they will experience in real life.

GCSE Statistics in particular will provide students with an enhanced understanding of the statistics they will see used across the curriculum, in subjects such as the sciences, social sciences, computing, geography, business and economics. It will also enable students to critically evaluate data that is used in the public and commercial sectors. Since this is a new GCSE and was first assessed in June 2019, we will be offering the GCSE Higher Statistics only to those students who are currently in Further Mathematics or 1a (Mr Allsopp and Miss Mills), and the GCSE Foundation Statistics will be open to sets 1b, 2a and 2b (Miss Page, Mr Newton and Mrs White).

GCSE Economics will allow students to explore topical subjects and issues, and develop their analytical and critical thinking skills. The economics course has two separate parts, the first part studies how markets work and will fit in well with those students who will be studying business as one of their options. The second part of the economics course will provide students with a deeper understanding of how the economy works, and as such it is an excellent GCSE to take for those students who wish to pursue a mathematically based career or those who may wish to go into Politics. GCSE Economics will be open for those students who are in Further Mathematics, 1a and 1b (Mr Allsopp, Miss Mills and Miss Page) or any students who will be studying GCSE Business.

Due to time constraints in the curriculum these additional lessons will take place on a **Tuesday afterschool** between **3 and 4pm**. Although occasional absence may be unavoidable, students who repeatedly miss these lessons will be removed and may be subject to entry fees. The content will be studied throughout year 10 with the GCSE examinations also taking place in **June 2020**.

If your child is interested in taking one of these GCSE options please fill in the attached form and return it to their mathematics teacher by **Friday 21st June**.

Kind regards,


Kieran Newton

Head of KS4 Progress for Mathematics

FOA: Mathematics Department Staff

Student Name: _____ Form: _____ Mathematics Teacher: _____

Please tick which GCSE option your child would like to take:

GCSE Higher Statistics GCSE Foundation Statistics GCSE Economics

