

Dear parents/carers

I would like to take this opportunity to update you with the current situation in the Mathematics department at BBG Academy.

We recently received our validated results from 2019 leavers and are delighted to share that the mathematics element of Progress 8 (0.7) was significantly above the national average and in the highest 20% of all schools in 2019, as well as in 2018 and 2017. This means that students left BBG Academy with a Mathematics grade $\frac{3}{4}$ higher than targeted. We are obviously very pleased with the outcomes and recognise the hard work of the students and our colleagues; that said we must ensure we continue to strive to maintain and improve those outcomes with our current Year 11.

In order to ensure we are targeting our intervention most efficiently there may be some set changes over the coming weeks. Please do not worry about this and try to trust my colleagues; it is merely to ensure we maximise your child's potential in the upcoming examinations. If you do wish to discuss it further please do not hesitate to contact our Head of Maths, Mrs Malika Shahid, who will endeavour to alleviate any concerns as quickly as possible.

You may be aware that, in order to ensure standardisation of marking, we outsource our core subject mock examination marking. This involves sending hundreds of mock papers to external examiners. We have always used Hermes to deliver our papers and not had any issues in the past. I am so sorry to share that unfortunately the Paper 3 Mathematics exam has not reached the examiner. Hermes have done '*a thorough investigation*' and they are unable to locate them in-between collection and delivery. Whilst they have offered us to apply for compensation this is of little consequence to our students and the papers and marks are priceless.

The mock results for Paper 3 in Mathematics have been calculated using an average mark of both Paper 1 and 2. Whilst I appreciate that this is neither scientific or as accurate as we would like, it appears to be the most sensible way to do it rather than asking the students to re-sit the paper. Please accept our apologies for this unfortunate situation.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours faithfully

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