



Backwell School

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A National Teaching School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Mathematics Setting in Year 10

In Year 10 we set students across two half year groups, A and B, as follows:

A Sets	B Sets	Tier of GCSE entry	Notes
A1 A2 A3	B1 B2 B3	Sets 1, 2 and 3 will be taking the Higher tier GCSE (Grades U, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9)	In order to study A Level Mathematics in Backwell Sixth Form, students would have to study Higher tier at GCSE and achieve a high grade.
A4 A5a A5b	B4 B5a B5b	Sets 4, 5a and 5b will be taking the Foundation tier GCSE. Sets 5a and 5b are parallel groups (Grades U, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)	In order to study Further Mathematics at A level, students would also need to be in set 1.

Your child will be placed in the following set:

Name:	Set:	Teacher:
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Any set movements will take place on a termly basis.

For further information on how the new numerical grading compares to the previous lettered system, please see the advice we have been given from the exam board (AQA – Specification 8300), on the reverse of this sheet.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Mathematics

Higher tier

Foundation tier

High	High	Medium / High	Medium / High	Medium	Medium	Low / Medium	Low	Low
9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
A**	A*- , A+	A, A-	B+ , B	B- , C+	C, C-	D, E+	E- , F+	F- , G

A*	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	U
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