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Case Study

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Further Maths Delivery:

St Martin's School does not offer Further Maths AS/A Level. It was recommended I take Further Mathematics in order to apply to my preferred choices to study Maths at University.

I joined the FMSP Wales Programme in September 2015 as a Year 13 student. I decided to study for the whole FM A level in one year. I know this was late, but I didn't fall in love with Maths until I started my AS studies.

I had a mixture of provision – online and face to face. I found the online teaching took a while to get used to but thought it was really good preparation for university study. You have to be prepared to work hard and be more independent. I also went to a lot of the Saturday sessions.

Benefits of Studying Further Mathematics?

I started doing Further Maths to apply for university, but a month in and it became much more than a means to an end.

I found it really interesting, it made my core A level so much easier. The more you do maths the more interesting it becomes. There are more abstract methods, you can feel your brain stretching as you go.

There is more independent learning, which is a good preparation for university, whichever course you decide to do. Online tuition has been a challenge and very different from any other methods of teaching, but as soon as you have a problem they reply very quickly and explain things in great detail.

I would really recommend revising from the start and reading around other areas of maths. Fully immerse yourself to improve your understanding and find out something interesting.

There was an extra workload, but you don't start studying Further Maths unless you are going to be prepared to work hard. I think personal qualities matter as much as mathematical ability. You have to be ready to work hard to get the top grades and be able to cope with the stress. I used to get more stressed when I was younger, but now I just think it would be wasting time to do that, so I just get on with it. My top tip is to make revision notes as soon as you have had your lesson. I wouldn't have managed the workload without doing it this way.

I'm so glad I took Further Maths, it made me fall in love with Maths. I had As in Maths and Further Maths A level. I was a bit disappointed to miss an A* in regular Maths, but I am pleased to have two Maths A levels. I am going to Bristol University to study Maths (with study in continental Europe). I did French A level, but am taking a gap year to work in France before I start my degree.

I'm really enjoyed the year even though I had to work so hard, it was a great year.