



The Mathematics Department at Gartree High School

There are 4 full time maths teachers, including the Head of Department. The department work well as a team and are a strong and supportive unit. Each member of the department has a role in enabling the department to run efficiently and everyone is expected to share ideas and good practice with the rest of the team. There are good relationships with our partner schools and we provide outreach to feeder Primary Schools.

The department is housed in a suite of spacious classrooms and resource area on the second floor. Each classroom is fitted with a Promethean IWB and a networked computer for the teacher. Access to class sets of iPads is available whenever required.

Attainment and progress in maths are very high and the department has high expectations for students' work and behaviour. Homework is a major focus of the department. Each student receives one written homework assignment and an online MyMaths or MathsWatch revision task each week. The department sets students by prior attainment from Year 7. Students with low prior attainment are, where possible, taught in smaller teaching groups and supported by a Learning Support Assistant who works closely with the class teacher to ensure these students make good progress. The most able students are encouraged to take the UK Mathematics Challenge and the department prepares a team to represent the school in the UK Mathematics Team Challenge.