

Richmond School



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STUDENTS YOU CAN COUNT ON: SUCCESSFUL MATHS PUPILS AT RICHMOND SCHOOL

A NORTH Yorkshire school has been awarded a second specialism as it bucks a national trend in which too many students move away from traditional academic studies.

The school, currently undergoing a £32m rebuild, was awarded performing arts specialist status in 2003, which has just been renewed and adjusted to creative arts.

Because of the school's improved results, expected to reach 75 per cent A*-C this year, the DCSF offered it a second specialism which will provide an extra £90,000 a year for resources, equipment, staff and to build links with primary schools.

Head teacher Phil Beever said: "We opted for maths and science which have always been major strengths of the school and recognised as a weakness nationally".

"This is a fantastic opportunity for everyone here and also national recognition that we are already a high performing school.

"We will be looking to tackle the subjects in a more innovative way. For instance we will be suspending the timetable to have creative arts, maths and science days; fun ways to apply what the children learn in the classroom."

Sixth form students studying maths at Richmond School get the opportunity to attend a three day residential study event which prepares them for their A2 examinations. This involves interactive lecturers and tutorials prepared and delivered by staff.

They can also attend an intensive revision study day and university maths lectures as well as take part in individual and team maths challenges.

The school's new-found specialism has already got off to a flying start. In the national UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge pupils achieved the highest ever number of certificates.

Five students achieved gold – Michael Ash, Sammy Rawson, Tayzy Inkster, Tim Bray and Chris Morris.

Michael achieved the Best in School Award and he, Tayzy and Sammy all progress to the next round of the competition in which their maths skills are tested to the full. Twenty one students achieved silver certificates and 39 bronze.

Head of maths Lesley Richardson said: "This is our best ever result and I am delighted with their performance. This school has always generated a great deal of interest in maths and achieved good results. We strive to make it a subject that appeals to young people."

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