

LYMM HIGH SCHOOL

# Upgrade Programme

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Year 7, 8 & 9



# Did you know?

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- You will want to pass as many GCSEs as you possibly can in 3/4/5 years time, but Maths and English are the most important subjects to pass.
- At GCSE, you will receive a grade from 9 (like an A\*) to a 1 (like a G).
- A grade 4 is the first 'Pass grade' (like a C used to be).
- If you don't achieve a grade 4 in English and Maths at GCSE, you will have to keep resitting them in 6th form.



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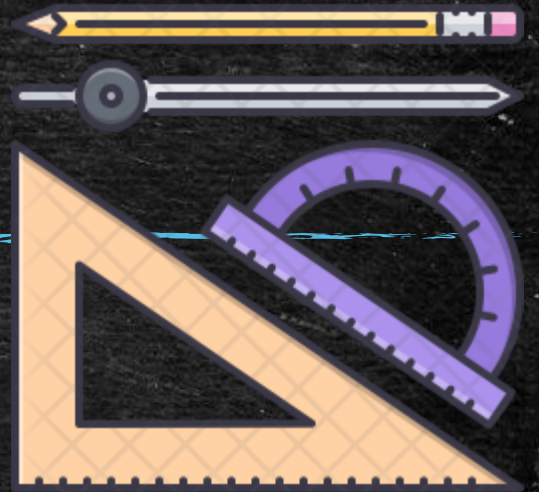
# You will sit GCSEs in:

- English (2 GCSEs)
- Maths
- Science (2 or 3 GCSEs)
- Either History, Geography, Computing, French, German or Spanish
- 3 other subjects you can choose

New grading structure	Current grading structure
9	
8	A*
7	A
6	B
5	
4	C
3	D
2	E
1	F
	G
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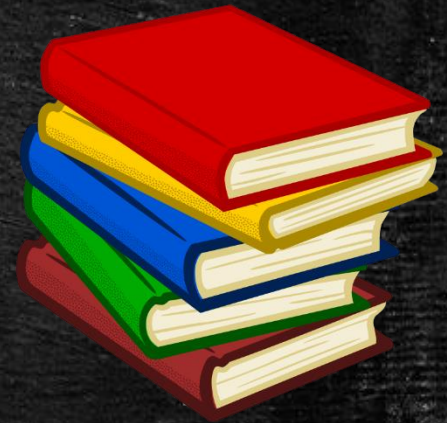
# What is it?

- **Upgrade** is an English and Maths intervention programme we run in school. We are very lucky to have a programme like this taking place.
- It is designed to provide additional support for our students eligible for Pupil Premium (PP) to ensure they achieve the best possible grades in English and Maths. It also contains some non-PP students.
- Being selected for Upgrade is about helping you make the most progress you possibly can in 2 very important subjects.
- It is absolutely **NOT** because you are bad at Maths or English, in fact there is a large range of student ability on Upgrade. It is about achieving the highest grade you possibly can by the end of Year 11.



# How long will the intervention last?

- 8 week programme, 1 hour (1 lesson) per week
- You will miss 4 different subjects, on a rolling timetable (so you miss a different lesson each week). This way, you won't fall behind in your other subjects.
- For example, you might miss: French, then RS, then Music, then IT.
- In other words, you will only miss each subject twice in the entire 8-week programme.
- You will not miss your English, Maths, PE, Food or DT lessons.



# Who will teach you and where will lessons be?

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- English – Mrs Varewdee



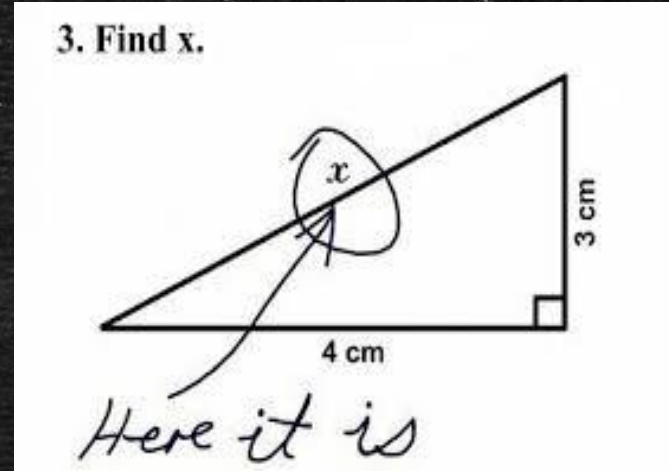
- Maths – Miss Humphreys



- English – either in B303 or A block
- Maths – either in B301 or E block

# Upgrade will help you to...

- Improve your understanding in English and Maths lessons
- Improve your progress and your performance in classwork, homework, assessments and exams
- Allow you to ask more questions in a smaller group (6 students)
- Ask for help with the specific things you find difficult
- Have the confidence to make more contributions in lessons



# Next steps...

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- We will choose students for the first round of Upgrade
- It will start after October half-term
- 8-week block of Upgrade
- Letter sent home with a reply slip, and timetable card given to students
- Reward/Loyalty card

