

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 (highest grade) to a 1.
- A grade 4 is the first 'Pass grade'.
- 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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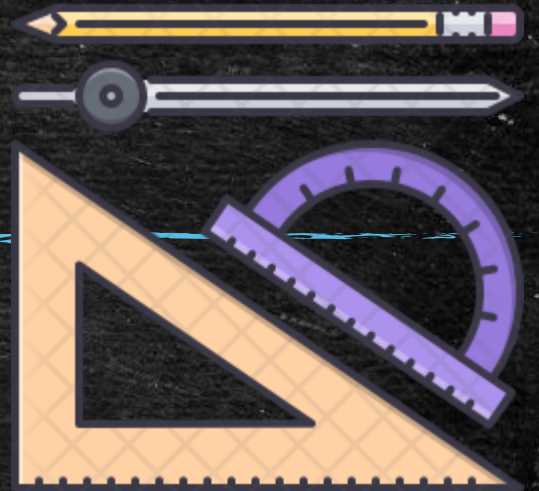
# You will sit GCSEs in:

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



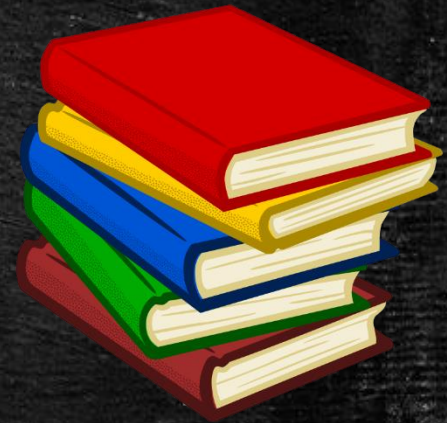
# What is it?

- **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 students not eligible for Pupil Premium.
- 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 abilities 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 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 and Maths lessons, and usually you won't miss your PE, Food or DT lessons either.



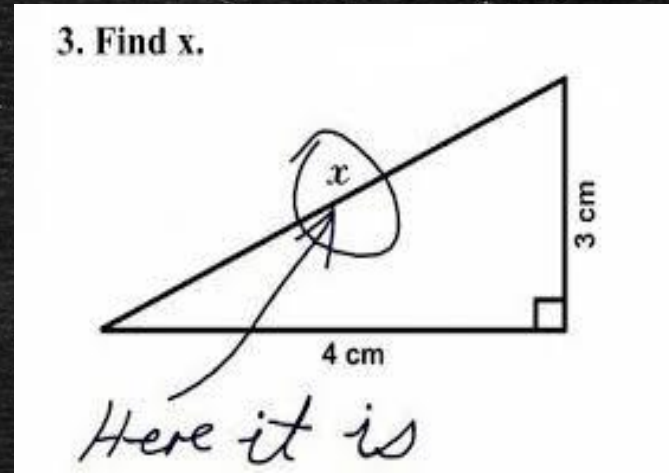
# Who will teach you and where will lessons be?

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- Our specialist Upgrade Maths and English teachers will teach you.
- English Upgrade takes place in B303 at the top of B block.
- Maths Upgrade takes place in B301 at the top of B block.

# Upgrade will help you to...

- Improve your understanding and progress in English and Maths lessons. In Maths, you will be taught topics that your main Maths class is doing later in the year – this will give you more confidence in lessons because you will have already covered some basics in Upgrade.
- Improve your performance in assessments and exams.
- Allow you to ask more questions in a smaller group (approx. 6 students) and ask for help.
- 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 towards the end of September.
- 8-week block of Upgrade
- Letter sent home to parents, and timetable card given to students
- Reward/Loyalty card (hall points, weekly voucher draw, sweets)

