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Case Study

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Corey studied Further Maths AS with FMSP in 2016/17. He studied FP1, FP2 and S2 in Yr 12, and is now going into year 13 to study the rest of the A Level. He is also studying physics, chemistry and maths.

How do your family feel about your decision to study with FMSP Wales?

My family were pleased with me taking Further Maths, as they knew it would help with the direction I want to head in. My brother also took the subject, so gave me advice and assistance when I was struggling through some questions.

How was the tuition delivered?

After school with a tutor face-to-face, taken at Flint High School

How would you evaluate your overall experience of taking Further Mathematics through the FMSP?

I found it to be incredibly invigorating and interesting, taking concepts I've learned and was learning in the Maths A-Level and using them in different ways. It was difficult to wrap my head around certain questions, especially those in the statistics module (e.g. continuity correction), but practising with past papers and my tutor helped me understand how to work through them.

What was the most enjoyable experience you had as part of studying through the FMSP?

I really enjoyed working with my friends on certain questions, as we bounced ideas off each other to grasp what the questions wanted. Also, FMSP sessions at Bangor University really helped put different topics into a larger context (and I also got to enjoy a trip out for a day).

What do you think about the workload associated with Further Maths? Was it different from other A-levels at all and how?

I would say the workload is similar to most A-Levels and a bit more than the usual Maths A-Level, as some of Further Maths uses topics from C3 and C4 which we hadn't covered yet at A2. However, putting the work in and being consistent with revising each module helped to overcome those hurdles.

How do your friends feel about your decision to study Further Maths?

I think my friends expected me to take it, and some seemed a bit confused as to why someone would want so much maths. However, two of my friends are also taking it. I have met a few new friends, particularly from the partner school Flint High during my Further Maths lessons.

Would you encourage others to study Further Maths?

I think at least a little passion for mathematics is required to get through and enjoy it, but I think anyone can cope with the tuition as long as they are willing to be persistent. Also, expect to get stuff wrong, as it happens to everyone constantly! Having the determination to work at the issues and improve your ability will help you succeed in Further Maths