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Gowerton School

Case Study	Gowerton School
Address	Cecil Road, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3DL
Number of students aged 16 – 18 2013/14	



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Teacher – Ms Angharad Parsons – Head of Mathematics

Further Maths Delivery:

In my previous school I taught Further Maths AS in my spare time, however time is much more precious now with so many changes and developments in maths education and in my new post at Gowerton School I was unable to offer it. One of my more able student approached me early on in Year 12 having finally decided that he wanted to follow a more scientific and mathematical career path into University. He had consequently started doing some research and had found that for Universities such as Oxford and Cambridge favoured pupils who had a Further Maths qualification. He felt in quite a dilemma as did I. However about that time I was informed of the existence of the FMSP and the facilities and opportunities that it offered to schools such as my own. I got in touch and very quickly everything was up and running with a tutor coming in regularly to teach.

A year on, the Year 12 pupil has just completed his A2 Maths and AS in Further Maths and has had a University offer from Imperial College. Three pupils in Year 12 are now following the same programme and have just sat FP1. I was also able to discuss the opportunities with parents in our school sixth form open evening where there was some interest from the more able pupils. I envisage that this will be a partnership that I will continue to use and refine in the future.

Benefits of Studying Further Mathematics?

I have found the FMSP to be extremely useful, primarily in giving pupils an opportunity to gain a qualification that we were unable to provide for, and also in providing extremely useful revision classes for all of the sixth form to use. I have had regular communication with them about students' progress and the pupils themselves have had a very positive experience

