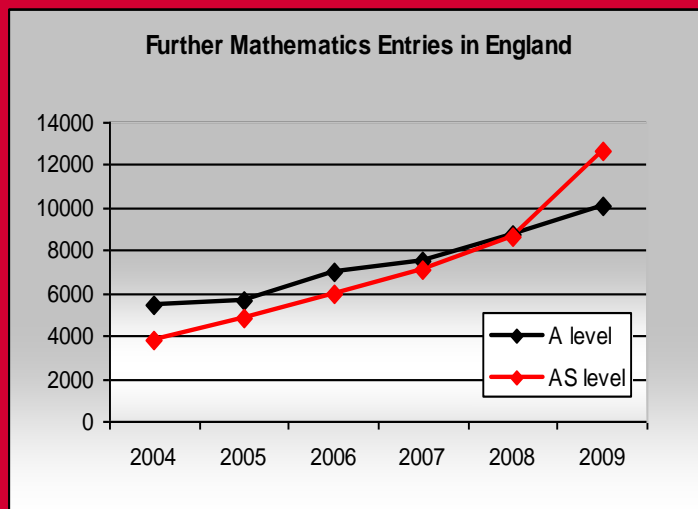


North East Regional Newsletter

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The National Picture

On 1 August 2009 the Further Mathematics Support Programme (FMSP) replaced the Further Mathematics Network (FMN). The FMSP continues the work of the FMN and extends it to provide professional development for teachers of Further Mathematics, promoting the benefits of studying Mathematics beyond GCSE and offering support for level 3 mathematics within diplomas. Like the FMN, the FMSP is managed by MEI and funded by the DCSF. The National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics (NCETM) is working in partnership with MEI to support the FMSP's work in teachers' professional development.



It is extremely pleasing that there continues to be an increase in the number of students studying mathematics post-16. Mathematics and Further Mathematics A levels have built upon last year's increased entry with further significant rises.

- AS level Mathematics numbers are up from 84613 to 103312, a 22% increase
- A level Mathematics numbers are up from 64593 to 72475, a 12% increase
- AS level Further Mathematics numbers are up from 8945 to 13164, a 47% increase
- A level Further Mathematics numbers are up from 9091 to 10473, a 15% increase.

Professional Development for teachers

The Further Mathematics Support Programme offers a range of professional development for mathematics teachers. This range includes:



- **Live Online courses:** an exciting way of improving your subject knowledge.
- **Teaching Further Maths:** an extended course starting in July and running for 15 months. We will be taking applications for the next cohort from February 2010.
- **Local one-day courses:** a full range of modules available accessible right across the South West region.

For information about PD please check the website www.furthermaths.org.uk/teacher_area. If you have any queries regarding the above please contact **Sue de Pomerai**.



North East Events and Updates

There will be the usual Revision Days at Durham University, Teesside University and Newcastle University in preparation for the A Level modular examinations in January.

Wed 16th Dec at Newcastle University: D1 and M1 Modules

Thur 7th January at Durham University: FP1 and S1 Modules

Mon 14th Dec at Teesside University: C1 Module.

All of the above days cover all specifications.

Please book your places for these events as soon as possible as they are likely to be very popular.

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Maths Inspiration in Newcastle: Inspiring Maths lectures for 15-17yr olds

Provisional bookings for 9th March 2010 at the Theatre Royal can now be made, go to:

<http://www.mathsinspiration.com/>

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