

The Further Mathematics Support Programme

From 1 August the Further Mathematics Network (FMN) is coming to an end, to be replaced by the Further Mathematics Support Programme (FMSP).

Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI), which developed and managed the FMN, has won the contract with the DCSF to set up and manage the FMSP.

Like the FMN, the FMSP will provide tuition in Further Mathematics to students who cannot access it through their own schools or colleges. The FMSP intends to honour the FMN's tuition commitments for next academic year, so the transition from the FMN to the FMSP should be seamless as far as student tuition is concerned.

The FMSP will have a key role to play in the professional development of teachers, and the NCETM is working in partnership with MEI to help to deliver the FMSP's professional development programme.

The FMSP will also support teachers of the mathematics within the level 3 diplomas.

A key focus of the FMSP will be to enable more schools and colleges to offer Further Mathematics through their own teaching, or via consortium arrangements with other local schools and colleges.

Schools and colleges will be able to register with the FMSP in the same way as with the FMN, to receive free access to online resources and information about local FMSP activities.

The FMSP aims to

- give every student who could benefit from studying Further Mathematics the opportunity to do so;
- increase the number of schools and colleges offering Further Mathematics;
- increase the number of schools and colleges able to teach Further Mathematics themselves;
- increase the number of students studying AS/A level Mathematics and Further Mathematics;
- provide training and support to teachers of AS/A level Mathematics, Further Mathematics and level 3 mathematics within the diplomas.

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