

Do Anna and Max go to your school?

Over the summer I visited friends who have twins just starting year 11. Anna is a fantastic artist and will be studying art at A level. She also expressed an interest in studying biology and sociology. Max is considering taking geography, politics and psychology. I asked what they thought of maths. Both said it was ok, they quite liked it but it wasn't on their 'to-do' list. They had the perception that A level maths was hard and that their target of a grade 6 and a grade 5/6 would mean that they would not be allowed to take A level maths at their school.

Neither child, nor their parents, were aware of Core Maths. I explained what it is, what lessons are like and how studying core maths would help with the maths in their other subjects: biology and sociology in Anna's case and geography and psychology in Max's. Both were keen to find out more and said they would follow it up when back at school.

Yesterday evening I received a message from Anna and Max's dad. They had been to a sixth form open evening at their school and were keen to find out more about Core Maths. The disappointing news is their school don't offer Core Maths. The school agreed that it would be beneficial for Anna and Max but...

How many students like Anna and Max are there at your school? If your school does not offer Core Maths please do seriously consider investigating whether this is a qualification you could offer. There is a range of great support from the both the Advanced Maths Support Programme and the Maths Hub programme. At Yorkshire Ridings we offer support for teachers new to delivering Core Maths and more teachers more experienced in delivering Core Maths. Did you know that the Government offer additional funding through the Core Maths Premium of £900 per student per year?

If you would like to find out more please contact us at the Yorkshire Ridings Maths Hub. If you already offer Core Maths then check out our [Core Maths Pedagogy Workgroup](#) bring together teachers of Core Maths in the Yorkshire Ridings region.