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Dear Parent/Carer

MESME Maths Circles

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and MESME are inviting high-attaining Year 7 students to join an exciting new enrichment programme, MESME Maths Circles. Participation is **free** for all state-funded school students.

Your child has been invited to join a Maths Circle from April 2023. We very much hope you will want your child to participate. Here are some more details. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions.

What are MESME Maths Circles?

MESME is a registered charity (no. 1199281). MESME's purpose is to support high-attaining students to achieve mathematical excellence, so that they go on to have a greater and richer range of future personal, employment and economic choices. You can read more on MESME's website www.mesme.org

In a MESME Maths Circle, a small group of students come together regularly with an experienced, knowledgeable mentor to grapple with intriguing questions, to discover and explore exciting ideas, and to learn to think like advanced mathematicians. Participating in Maths Circles will develop your child's mathematical reasoning and expand their mathematical curiosity, as well as refining their technical knowledge and skills. Your child will follow a precisely sequenced and carefully structured curriculum.

Students already participating tell us that Maths Circles are both challenging and satisfying! They say they feel part of a mathematical community, in their own Circle and in the wider network of Circles.

MESME has designed and written rich, stimulating and fun questions, tasks and explorations for the Circle sessions. MESME's hope is that your child will start participating in a Circle in March/April in Year 7 and continue for at least five school terms, to the end of Year 8. There will be a number of ways for your child to continue to participate in Year 9 and after.

Format and Timings

MESME Maths Circles typically take place after school and last one hour. We are hoping to put the session on a Wednesday afterschool from 15:20 to 16:20, however depending on the popularity it may change to another day or even have more than one session available to attend.

Consent

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and MESME take the protection of your personal information seriously and are fully committed to respecting the privacy of all individuals. In addition to the information you have given in this form, Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and MESME will also collect information on your child's attendance at the Maths Circle sessions and through observations of the sessions. Information will only be used in connection with the Maths Circles programme and its administration.

To track the programme's long-term impact, data may be shared with an external research organisation to analyse the impact on student attainment compared to national statistics. As part of this research, the Department for Education (DfE) may collect subsequent data, such as exam results and academic destinations, from national student

databases. Subsequent data collected by the DfE will only be used to further analyse the impact of the programmes and only be shared in an anonymised format.

For further information on how Queen Elizabeths Grammar School and MESME collects, stores and uses your data, or how you can request to access to, change or delete your data, please refer to our data protection policies:

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School: <https://www.qegsmat.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/QEGSMAT-Data-Protection-Policy.pdf>

MESME: <https://mesme.org/data-protection-policy/>

Changes to Our Data Protection and Privacy Policies: We keep our privacy policy under regular review, and we will place any updates on the links above.

How to Contact Us

Please contact us if you have any questions about this, our Data Protection policy, the information we hold about you or if you would like to withdraw your consent.

Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School: ward@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk

The consent form will be available to sign on ParentPay. Please complete this by no later than the **31st March** as the club is going to commence in the first week of summer term.

Next Steps

Many thanks for your time. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions, my email is bill@queenelizabeths.derbyshire.sch.uk.

Yours faithfully



Miss Bill

Teacher of Maths