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Stakeholder reference group - support for Level 3 Core Maths specification

Title: Professor	First Name: Callum	Surname: Firth
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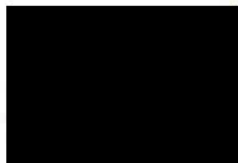
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Additional comments on the specification and assessment materials:

The course provides suitable flexibility to allow Schools to give the students a particular flavour to the course which will be relevant to their future aspirations. The course will certainly support students studying A-Levels and help to underpin those intending to continue into Higher Education in Social Science subjects which require Mathematical understanding (e.g. Geography and Psychology)

Signed:



Date:

10/7/14

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Additional comments on the specification and assessment materials:

Expand as required

Signed:



Date: *23/6/2014*

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Title: Ms	First Name: NICOLE	Surname: SCHNAPPAUF
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Additional comments on the specification and assessment materials:

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Date:

30/6/2014

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Additional comments on the specification and assessment materials:

The core maths specification as designed by AQA offers a valuable new route which allows students to extend their mathematical knowledge, gain further practical calculating competence and enhance their reasoning skills. The qualification will be extremely advantageous for those entering higher level study in psychology and the other social sciences.

Signed:



Date: 1.7.14

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Title: Ms	First Name: Sorch	Surname: John
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Current position/role (previous if retired):		Senior Manager (management consulting)

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Additional comments on the specification and assessment materials:

I believe that core maths provides an exciting, stimulating and relevant program of study which looks to challenge, engage and develop a student's interest in maths. For me, the development of this qualification represents a very exciting moment for the teaching of maths; I wish this qualification had been available when I was at school!

Signed: Sorch

Date: 01/07/2014

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Additional comments on the specification and assessment materials:

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Date: 25/6/14

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Current position/role (previous if retired):		<i>HEAD OF MATHS</i>

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Additional comments on the specification and assessment materials:

The specification and assessment materials indicate that the students following this course of study will have an enjoyable and stimulating experience in furthering their study of mathematics

Signed:



Date: 25/6/14

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14 July 2014

Dear Kelly

AQA Level 3 Mathematical Studies (Core Maths)

On behalf of the Royal Statistical Society, I am writing to you with our comments on this qualification, following our consideration of the specification and supporting materials that you provided to us.

The Royal Statistical Society's response to the DfE Policy Statement on 16 to 18 Core Mathematics Qualifications in England of February 2014 and our response to the Department for Education's consultation on Core Maths Technical Guidance of May 2014 (both available on our website), clearly indicate what features we would like to see the Core Mathematics qualifications to have, namely to:

- contain the full statistics cycle;
- have statistics content that is up-to-date and relevant to target students, in their everyday lives and in higher education or in work;
- ensure students gain experience of working with datasets, especially realistic ones;
- have students work with data using IT.

We also expressed a preference for data handling to be assessed and thought that innovative external assessment, eg through the use of pre-release datasets would be beneficial.

We are pleased to see much of this in the qualification, in particular the development of statistical knowledge, skills and understanding needed by students planning to progress to further study or to employment, and the requirement for the use of IT. We are also pleased to see the Paper 2 common content includes critical analysis of statistical information, as presented in the public realm, which will develop students' broader statistical literacy skills. The Paper 2 statistical techniques paper in particular will be of use to those considering future study in the sciences or social sciences.

Yours sincerely



Scott Keir
Head of education and statistical literacy

