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Dear Mr Porkess,

Level 3 Qualifications in Mathematics Subjects

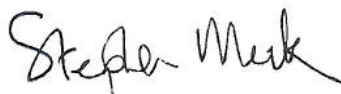
You will be aware that the Government has signalled its intention to introduce new arrangements for qualifications development which give universities and subject academics a much stronger say in what A levels should contain. It will set out its proposals for a new qualifications development process in due course. The new arrangements will ensure that universities will have confidence in these qualifications.

The Minister of State for Schools, Nick Gibb MP, has therefore announced today that the current review of A levels and other level 3 qualifications in mathematics subjects will not continue. In doing so he has noted that these are immensely important qualifications which should be as rigorous as any in the world, and must properly reflect the views and needs of universities in their development.

The current suite of level 3 mathematics qualifications, including the Advanced Extension Award, will continue to be available until the new qualifications development procedures are in place and the mathematics suite can be reviewed through them.

I would like on behalf of the Minister to thank all those colleagues who have contributed to the current review over the last eighteen months under the leadership of QCDA.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Meek
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