



## Ardgillan Community College Maths Policy

In Ardgillan College we strive to ensure every student achieves their full potential in Maths. To facilitate this we have a department policy that allows every learner to be placed in a class that best supports their learning.

### Junior Cycle

All Maths classes in first year are taught at a common level to ensure that students have time to adapt to Maths at second level. This changes in second year, as the work becomes more exam focused.

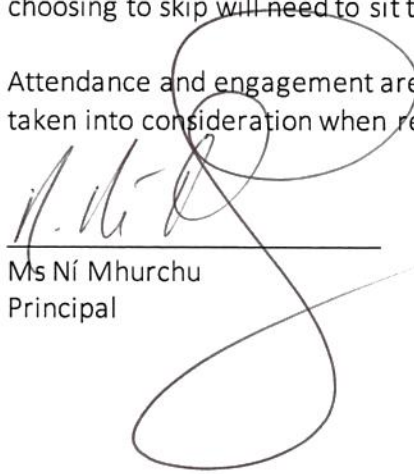
We encourage each student to take the highest level they can, but for some students the pace and content of Ordinary Level will better suit their learning. The teacher's advice regarding Higher or Ordinary level will be noted in the Summer Report at the end of first year. Classes will be re-grouped upon the return to school in September.

To be able to meet the challenge of Higher Level Maths for the Junior Cycle, the minimum students must achieve in the first year Summer Maths exam is 55%. This is a common level exam and the grade is not comparable to the same at Higher Level. Therefore, if they do not meet this 55% requirement it would prove counterproductive for them to continue struggling with the Higher Level course in second year.

### Leaving Certificate


Again, to meet the challenge of Higher Level Maths for the Leaving Certificate, the minimum students must achieve in the Junior Certificate Maths exam is a Higher Merit (55%). Students who receive below this and wish to try Higher Level can sit an exam at the end of TY where they must achieve 55%. Students who skip TY are a disadvantage with one less year of Maths learning. We strongly advise anyone wishing to take Higher Level Maths to do TY. Anyone choosing to skip will need to sit this exam the first week in September of 5<sup>th</sup> Year.

Attendance and engagement are a huge factor in succeeding in Maths at any level and will be taken into consideration when recommending levels.



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