

MATHEMATICS COURSE INFORMATION UPDATE

After careful deliberation, the maths department has decided not to run the **National 5 Lifeskills Maths Course** next session and instead offer pupils the opportunity to study a course made up of three different SQA Units. Pupils who opted for the National 5 Lifeskills Maths will automatically be allocated places in this alternative course.

The National 4 Lifeskills Maths Course will continue to run, without change, for pupils in S4.

This decision has been made following an evaluation of the National 5 Lifeskills Maths course, which we ran for the first time this session, and careful consideration of what would most benefit Grantown Grammar pupils when leaving school. If you would like more information about the reasons for this decision please contact the Guidance Teacher in the first instance.

The three Units are:

- SQA: National 5: Numeracy
- SQA Personal Finance Units, SCQF Level 4 (equivalent to National 4 level)
 - Money Management
 - The Principles of Money

This course is internally assessed with no final examination.

National 5 Numeracy will provide pupils with a good understanding of basic mathematical principles that they will encounter in everyday life and be looked upon favourably by both employers and further education providers.

The **Personal Finance Units** will give pupils a greater awareness of finance in the real world helping them to make good decisions when encountering events such as borrowing, saving and spending. It will also help pupils to understand bills, insurance and long term financial planning such as pensions. Upon successful completion of both Personal Finance units pupils would be awarded **The Personal Finance Award** by the Scottish Qualifications Authority and *ifs University College*.