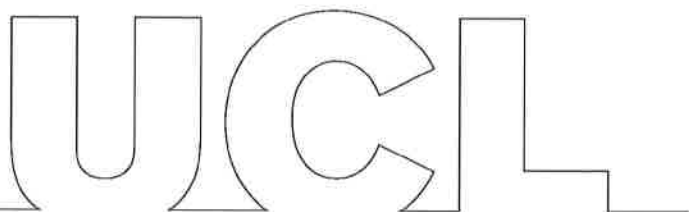


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Dear Joanna,

**Level 3 Mathematics Qualifications**

I fully support the proposed new mathematics qualifications, Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Reasoning (MEI) and Level 3 Certificate in Quantitative Problem Solving (MEI), being jointly developed by OCR and MEI. The topics proposed for study, together with the problem-solving approach, will enhance mathematical skills and quantitative reasoning that is needed in other subjects and, more generally, day-to-day life.

I am particularly pleased to note that the qualification seeks to develop confidence and skills in thinking about authentic situations mathematically and in the associated use of mathematical methods and techniques. It seems to me that this will be an extremely useful course for bright, motivated students who do not want pursue a traditional mathematics curriculum.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N. Robb McDonald'. The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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