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Dear Mr. Hutchings,

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Advanced Extension Award in Mathematics

Thank you for your letter of 30 April 2010 to the Secretary of State about the Advanced Extension Award in mathematics. I am replying on behalf of Iain Wright MP, the Minister responsible for A Levels.

I note SCORE's support for the retention of a qualification like the present Advanced Extension Award to stretch and challenge students of outstanding mathematical ability and aptitude. The present A levels in mathematics subjects are being revised to, among other things, introduce stretch and challenge into A2 units. Ofqual, the new independent qualifications regulator, proposes to consult on revised criteria for mathematics A levels in the summer. Final decisions on the proposed suite of level 3 qualifications in mathematics, including the possible retention of an AEA-style qualification, would then be taken in the autumn in the light of the consultation.

In the meantime, thank you for setting out SCORE's views on this issue.

Yours Sincerely,

Jessica Attree,

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