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Des Steve,

University of Exeter/Exeter College Specialist Mathematics School

Thank you for submitting a joint proposal for a specialist maths school. I am very keen that the first specialist maths schools are innovative and stretch our brightest and best young mathematicians. I believe the new school that you and Exeter College are proposing, and the associated outreach work, can carry through this vision.

I am delighted to offer you grant funding to develop the proposal and move towards establishing the school. Mela Watts, head of Free Schools Group in the Department, will be writing to you with the details of funding and next steps. I would like to assure you that we recognise that the development of the school will require significant work and we will support you to turn your proposals into a reality.

I'm copying this letter to and and at Exeter College.

Will every good wish,

MICHAEL GOVE