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Dear Mr Ransom,

Thank you for your letter of 22 August, addressed to the Secretary of State, on behalf of the Association of Teachers of Mathematics and The Mathematical Association, regarding Underground Mathematics. I am replying as the Minister of State for School Standards.

Underground Mathematics was funded by the Department as a five year project, and will conclude at the end of September as planned. We recognise that the project's resources have been well received by schools, and we have ensured that they will remain available to access online when the project ends. We are continuing to fund a range of initiatives, including the Further Mathematics Support Programme and our network of 35 Maths Hubs, to encourage more young people to study mathematics. Our rigorous, new mathematics GCSEs and A levels match the best in the world and will equip young people with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the future.

Following the publication of the review of mathematics by Sir Adrian Smith in July 2017, we have announced a £16 million Level 3 Mathematics Support Programme. This will improve the quality and capacity of post-16 mathematics provision, including supporting teachers in schools and colleges to teach AS and A level mathematics, AS and A level further mathematics, and core mathematics.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,