

## **Fast Forward Mathematics - student comments August 2008**

### **General academic comments**

“I think that the sessions opened up my eyes to the real meaning of maths”

“I liked when we were trying to solve an impossible problem and then finding out that it was impossible”

### **Has attending the summer school broadened the range of subjects you are considering studying in Higher Education?**

“I have always wanted to go on to higher education, attending this summer school has made me more excited”

### **How likely is it that you would consider going on to higher education now that you have attended the summer school?**

“I’ve enjoyed listening to those who have already been through higher mathematics and now I think that what they’ve been studying would very much interest me”

### **To what extent have your perceptions about the University of Cambridge changed as a result of this summer school?**

“My perceptions were wrong and I was happy about that, there were lots of people that have the same mathematical ability as me”

“I now see Cambridge as a university within my reach. I don’t have to focus on my racial background all I have to do is develop as a person and learner and I will be fine”

### **Tell us about some of the things you gained from attending the summer school**

“I gained a great sense of confidence in my mathematical abilities”

“I have learned to be persevering”

“New ways of looking at maths – solutions instead of answers”

“I now have more knowledge and experience of maths and the school has really influenced me to keep in contact with new people”

“More confidence in my ability in maths”

“A greater sense of what I can do”

“I have gained more confidence and have challenged myself in a great way that will help me in the future”