

# GCSE MATHEMATICS

## **Type of subject:**

Academic, scientific

GCSE Maths is an academic subject studied by all students. Like English, it is an important subject for providing students with skills that are essential for life, and a subject that employers and further education establishments always ask for. Gaining a good grade in maths is often the key to accessing post 16 courses. This is an academic subject with elements of functional skills.



## **Examples of topics studied:**

Within the GCSE, you study aspects of algebra, number, shape and space, handling data.

## **How is the course assessed?**

We have frequent topic assessments as well as formal internal examinations throughout the year. The new style assessment will be 3 papers of 1 hour 30 minutes.

Students will take either Foundation Tier grades 1 - 5 or the Higher Tier grades 3 – 9.

Grade 5 is likely to be the national benchmark although a grade 4 currently equates to a 'standard pass'.

We follow the AQA exam specification.

## **Additional information:**

The current curriculum for mathematics began in September 2015 and was first examined in 2017.

The GCSE is a two year course. Students will take their GCSE examination at the end of the two year course. The GCSE is awarded on three final examinations, each 1 hour and 30 minutes long. There is no coursework.

Correct equipment is essential; this includes having a scientific calculator!

Who should I talk to if I want to ask about this subject?



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