

GCSE Mathematics

Course: The Pearson Edexcel GCSE in Maths (9-1/1MA1) Length of Course: 2 Years Number of Lessons per fortnight: 8 Assessment: 3 externally marked exam papers

Mathematics is a Core subject in the GCSE curriculum A grade 4 in Maths is a minimum requirement for further studies or employment.

The GCSE course focuses on using and applying mathematics in the following areas:

- Number including fractions, decimals, percentages, ratio, proportion, standard form
- Algebra including indices, surds, graphs and their gradients, solving equations, sequences
- Geometry including constructions, Pythagoras' theorem, trigonometry, circle theorems, vectors
- Measures including maps and scale drawings, conversions, bearings, compound measures
- Probability including theoretical probability, tree diagrams, Venn diagrams
- Statistics including collecting & processing data, histograms, frequency polygons
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How many examinations are there?

• There are 3 papers: 1 non-calculator and 2 calculator (each 1 ½ hours). Each paper is worth 80 marks so in total there are 240 marks available.

Progression Students can progress from this qualification to Level 3 qualifications in numerate disciplines, such as: • Core Mathematics • GCE Mathematics and GCE Further Mathematics • GCEs in the sciences • GCE Geography • GCE Economics • other qualifications that require mathematical skills, knowledge and understanding.

There is a clear progression path from Foundation tier to Higher tier within this qualification.

This qualification also supports further training and employment where mathematical skills are required.





