

MATHEMATICS GCSE



Although there is no Controlled Assessment element in Maths GCSE, you will be doing an exam in May/June of year 11 which covers around half of your GCSE grade. Therefore it is very important that you work hard to keep up with all the topics you cover in class.

In Year 11 all pupils begin study for either completion of Higher or Foundation Tier in Year 12. If your son/daughter is in 11.1 Maths class they will be studying Unit M3/M4 which is part of the Higher Tier course (as they have demonstrated that they are likely to achieve above a grade C according to our baseline data). All other classes in Year 11 will begin studying Unit M2 which is part of the Foundation level course. Whilst the "Foundation" may sound misleading, this course will allow them to achieve the grade C or C* in M6, required by many employers and further study courses. As pupils continue their studies in Year 12, those who have scored highly enough in the M2 Module will have the opportunity to complete M3 in Year 12 which gives them access to a grade B overall. This opportunity is solely based on the score obtained in the M2 module.

You will be entered for the tier/exams which your teacher believes will help you to get the best grade you can. Some pupils in Yr 11 involved in alternative study programmes might therefore not be entered for the M2 but will instead study for 2 years before entering the examinations.

Foundation Tier

Module	Assessment
M2	1 external written exam:
45% of total	1 paper with calculator
	1 hour 45 mins
Year 11	
MAXIMUM GRADE = C	

Higher Tier

Module	Assessment	
M3	External written examination	
45% of total	with calculator	
Year 11	2 hours	
M4 (optional)	External written examination	
	with calculator	
Year 12	2 hours	
(M6)/M7	2 external written	
55% of total	examinations:	
	 Paper 1 without calculator 	
	1 hour 15 minutes	
	 Paper 2 with calculator 	
Year 12	1 hour 15 minutes	
MAXIMUM GRADE (M3 / M6) = A		
(M4 / M7) = A*		

Module	Assessment	
M6	2 external written	
55% of total	examinations:	
	Paper 1 without calculator	
Year 12	1 hour	
	Paper 2 with calculator	
	1 hour	
MAXIMUM GRADE = C*		

REVISION RESOURCES

All Yr 11 and Yr 12 pupils will be given access to a wealth of online resources, videos and revision notes **ONLINE** using our school OneNote app.

This will be fully explained by each Maths teacher, so please access it frequently.

If you wish to purchase a book for extra help, then a picture of the GCSE CCEA textbook that we use in school is also shown on Google Classroom.