

How you can help prepare your child to achieve in their Maths GCSE

Your child will take 3 GCSE papers in Maths, each out of 80. The final GCSE grade is taken by adding these three scores together and their total is compared to the grade boundaries (that become available after the exam). Each exam is equally important.

The provisional dates are:

Paper 1 (Non calculator paper) 24th May 1 hr 30 min (am)

Paper 2 (Calculator paper) 7th June 1 hr 30 min (am)

Paper 3 (Calculator paper) 12th June 1 hr 30 min (am)

In order to prepare fully for these exams, your child needs to:

Revise for Mocks

Your child has already completed 6 practice papers in exam conditions. We will complete another 6 before the June exams.

The dates for these are: Paper 1 8/9 February, Paper 2 1/2 March, Paper 3 19/20 April (the exact date depends on when your child has Maths)

Mock Week 2: Paper 1, 2 and 3 during w/c 12th March

Weekly

Complete the 25 question homework set in lesson, including showing working out (improving on their score each week)

Complete at least two 'revision' (blue pages including quick tests) and 'practice' (green pages) from the GCSE revision guides

Monthly

Complete the monthly exam question homework set in lesson, including showing working out

Complete at least two 'mixed exercise' (purple pages) and two exam question (orange pages) from the GCSE revision guides

Complete at least one practice exam paper (grey pages) from the revision guide

Teacher support

Every teacher offers revision appointments rather than revision sessions, this allows your child to get the specific help they need and they sign up for these appointments with their teacher.

The revision guides have all of the answers in, so your child can mark their work as they go. If your child struggles with any aspects of the areas practised in the revision guide, they should sign up for an appointment so their teacher can explain individually how to complete that topic.

Diagnostic Questions App (or website) <https://diagnosticquestions.com/MobileApp>

13th February marks 100 days until the first GCSE exam. There are exercises that are available on this website to practise key skills and exam technique (in particular multiple choice questions). Tasks will be populated according to tier. In order to access this, your child must have an access code – for our school, these are:

Year 11 June 2018 Higher Tier: **SC-VUWL9KJ5GUQ3**

Year 11 June 2018 Foundation Tier: **SC-ZJFDTLA49JGQ**

Websites to help

Videos and further practice questions can be found on:

<https://corbettmaths.com/contents/>

Written explanations/interactive PowerPoint and further practice questions can be found on:

<https://www.mymaths.co.uk>

Further information on the GCSE course can be found at:

<http://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/gcse/mathematics-8300>