

What does the course offer me?

The GCSE course builds on the knowledge, skills and understanding developed in the Key Stage 3 Teaching Programme. Pupils will be expected to demonstrate their ability in:

- Using and applying mathematics
- Number and algebra
- Shape, space and measures
- Handling data.

Two tiers of examination will be offered – the higher tier is suitable for set 1 and set 2, whilst the foundation tier is suitable for set 3 and set 4.

How will I learn?

There are three mathematics lessons weekly.

A variety of learning experiences are offered, and a number of teaching strategies are used. Regular tests are given on the work introduced.

Emphasis is given to the ability to reason clearly, and to communicate their methods and answer accurately.

How will I be assessed?

The GCSE foundation tier examination is assessed through three written papers. It will be possible to sit the written papers at different times throughout Years 10 and 11.

The GCSE higher tier examination is assessed through two written papers, to be sat at the end of the course.

On both tiers, a calculator is not allowed on one paper, whilst a suitable calculator is required for the other papers.

The duration of the written papers vary between 1¼ hours and 2 hours.

Remember!

This course will encourage the pupils to develop a positive attitude to mathematics, including confidence, enjoyment and perseverance.

Pupils are expected to own a suitable calculator for their GCSE course – they may be bought at a discounted price through the Mathematics department.

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