Mathematics

A LEVEL

Exam Board: AQA



A Level Maths provides students with a thorough grounding in the mathematical tools and techniques often needed in the workplace. The logic and reasoning skills developed by studying A Level Maths make sure the qualification is widely respected.

Subject specific criteria:

- Grade 7 in GCSE Maths
- Grade 4 in GCSE English
- Secure knowledge of co-ordinate geometry, algebraic manipulation, surds, indices, trigonometry

Skills required:

- A 'never give up' attitude
- A love of algebra
- Analytical skills
- Problem solving

Units studied:

- Pure Maths
- Statistics
- Mechanics

Two-thirds of the qualification is made up of Pure Core Maths, which provides techniques in Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry and Calculus - the fundamental building blocks of this subject.

Mechanics and Statistics make up the remaining third of the qualification. In Mechanics you will study Kinematics, Forces and Newton's Laws, and in Statistics you will study data presentation and interpretation, probability, testing hypotheses and statistical sampling.

Futures:

Maths is essential for studying Maths, Physics or Engineering at University, and for these subjects Further Maths is highly desirable or even essential at the top institutions (see page on Further Mathematics). Other courses which benefit from Maths A Level are medicine, economics, accounting and other sciences.

Subject enrichment:

Various opportunities to enter national and international Maths competitions, visit Universities, and see STEM speakers.