

MATHEMATICS

COURSE DETAILS

Exam board: AQA

Website: www.aqa.org.uk

SETTING ARRANGEMENTS

The Mathematics course offers two tiers of entry, Foundation and Higher. Students are set by ability with regular assessments used to judge progress and to inform set changes.

All students study for the GCSE and a very small number of students, who find Mathematics very challenging, are also entered for an Entry Level Certificate in Mathematics.

ASSESSMENT ARRANGEMENTS

GCSE Mathematics is assessed by three terminal exams. All the exams cover a range of content – Number, Ratio and Proportion, Algebra, Geometry and Statistics. In Paper 1 a calculator is not allowed, whereas in Papers 2 and 3 a calculator is allowed.

There is no coursework.

Exams are taken in the summer term at the end of Year 11.

TIERS OF ENTRY

There are two tiers of entry:

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| Foundation | Grades 1 to 5 |
| Higher | Grades 4 to 9 |

There is overlap between the two tiers at grade 4 and grade 5. To access the higher grades (6, 7, 8 and 9) students cover a wider range of topics, and demonstrate a knowledge of the Foundation topics to a greater depth.

HOMEWORK POLICY

In Years 10 and 11 one hour, at least, of homework per week will be set although it is expected that for many students this will be a minimum. This may take the form of two shorter tasks in that week or one task of a longer nature.

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