



## Mathematics FAQs

### **How to prepare for the GCSE Maths course/exams?**

Maths builds on previous learning, so it is important that students do not wait until the exams are on the horizon. Putting some effort in, throughout the time GCSE maths is being studied, will help build a good foundation of understanding which will make revising for the final exams much easier. Make use of the resources provided by the classroom teacher and the Mathswatch website (the explanatory clips and the interactive questions) to supplement with when revisiting topics. Working through exam style questions can be invaluable, as well. Students will understand the concepts and become familiar with the way that questions are phrased in the exam. It is also important to remember to practise questions with and without calculators.

### **Which tier of entry will I be entered for?**

There are 2 tiers of entry - Higher and Foundation. The tier that you are entered for prior to the GCSE exams is decided after the mock exams in Year 11.

### **Which topics are covered in the Foundation and the Higher tier?**

The Maths exams, regardless of the tiers of entry, will examine all aspects of the six main topics: Number; Algebra; Ratio, Proportion and rates of change; Geometry and measures; Probability; Statistics.

### **Are the classes in sets?**

Yes, KS4 students are put in new groups/sets to allow them to work at the appropriate pace and have access to the right level of support.