

KS3 Long Term Curriculum Plan: Mathematics - Year 7 2026-2027

Curriculum Aim: The national curriculum for mathematics aims to ensure that all pupils:

- become fluent in the fundamentals of mathematics, including through varied and frequent practice with increasingly complex problems over time, so that pupils develop conceptual understanding and the ability to recall and apply knowledge rapidly and accurately.
- reason mathematically by following a line of enquiry, conjecturing relationships and generalisations, and developing an argument, justification or proof using mathematical language
- can solve problems by applying their mathematics to a variety of routine and non-routine problems with increasing sophistication, including breaking down problems into a series of simpler steps and persevering in seeking solutions.

Link to prior learning: See KS2 National Curriculum for Mathematics

Rationale of sequencing: In mathematics, students follow a spiral curriculum that allows them to study requisite skills before moving onto more complex concepts. Students will revisit topics in subsequent years and build on prior knowledge and connections across mathematical ideas to develop fluency, mathematical reasoning and competence in solving increasingly sophisticated problems. Decisions about progression should be based on the security of pupils' understanding and their readiness to progress to the next stage. Pupils who grasp concepts rapidly should be challenged through being offered rich and sophisticated problems before any acceleration through new content in preparation for key stage 4.

In year 7, Autumn 1 focuses on consolidating students' numerical and mathematical capability from key stage 2 and extending their understanding of the number system and place value to include decimals, fractions, powers and roots. We follow this in Autumn 2 with two geometry based modules which require students to apply skills learnt in the previous half-term and where students begin to reason deductively in geometry, including using geometrical constructions.

In the Spring term, students develop their understanding of the number system with a focus on fractions and percentages and then extend and formalise their knowledge of ratio and proportion. In spring 2 students begin their first study of algebra with how to use algebra to generalise the structure of arithmetic, including to formulate mathematical relationships, substitute values in expressions, simplify expressions, and solve equations. In the Summer term, students explore statistics and probability and what can and cannot be inferred in statistical and probabilistic settings, and begin to express their arguments formally. Finally, students finish with modules on perimeter, area and volume which builds on their previous geometry study in the Autumn term.

Term	Focus / Topic	Knowledge & Skills (from NC/Programmes of Study)	Assessment
Autumn 1	Intro module - Understand & use algebraic notation Module 1 - Place Value & Rounding Module 2 - Four Operations Module 3 - Number Properties	Students should be able to: • Using letters to generalise numbers • Simplifying expression • Expanding single brackets • understand and use place value for decimals, measures and integers of any size • order positive and negative integers, decimals and fractions; • use the number line as a model for ordering of the real numbers; use the symbols $=$, $\neq$, $<$, $>$, $\leq$, $\geq$ • use the concepts and vocabulary of prime numbers, factors (or divisors), multiples, common factors, common multiples, highest common factor, lowest common multiple, prime factorisation, including using product notation and the unique factorisation property • use the four operations, including formal written methods, applied to integers, decimals, proper and improper fractions, and mixed numbers, all both positive and negative • use conventional notation for the priority of operations (BIDMAS), including brackets, powers, roots and reciprocals • use integer powers and associated real roots (square, cube and higher), recognise powers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and distinguish between exact representations of roots and their decimal approximations • round numbers and measures to an appropriate degree of accuracy [for example, to a number of decimal places or significant figures].	Baseline assessment

Autumn 2	Module 3 - Number Properties Module 4 - Properties of angles and shapes	Students should be able to: ● use the concepts and vocabulary of prime numbers, factors (or divisors), multiples, common factors, common multiples, highest common factor, lowest common multiple, prime factorisation, including using product notation and the unique factorisation property ● draw and measure line segments and angles in geometric figures ● apply the properties of angles at a point, angles at a point on a straight line, vertically opposite angles ● use the sum of angles in a triangle ● describe, sketch and draw using conventional terms and notations: points, lines, parallel lines, perpendicular lines, right angles, regular polygons, ● use the standard conventions for labelling the sides and angles of triangle ABC ● derive and illustrate properties of triangles, quadrilaterals, circles, and other plane figures [for example, equal lengths and angles] using appropriate language and technologies ● use the properties of faces, surfaces, edges and vertices of cubes, cuboids, prisms, cylinders, pyramids, cones and spheres to solve problems in 3-D	Half-term assessment on all topics covered since the start of year 7.
Spring 1	Module 5 - Fractions Module 6 - Percentages	Students should be able to: ● define percentage as ‘number of parts per hundred’, interpret percentages and percentage changes as a fraction or a decimal ● interpret fractions and percentages as operators ● express one quantity as a fraction of another, where the fraction is less than 1 and greater than 1 ● solve problems involving percentage increase and decrease	Year 7 assessment week
Spring 2	Module 7 - Ratio & Proportion Module 8 - Algebraic Manipulation Module 9 - Solving Equations	Students should be able to: ● use ratio notation, including reduction to simplest form ● divide a given quantity into two parts in a given part ● use and interpret algebraic notation, including: ab in place of $a \times b$ $3y$ in place of $y + y + y$ and $3 \times y$ a^2 in place of $a \times a$, a^3 in place of $a \times a \times a$; $a^2 b$ in place of $a \times a \times b$, a/b in place of $a \div b$, coefficients written as fractions rather than as decimals, brackets ● substitute numerical values into formulae and expressions, including scientific formulae ● understand and use the concepts and vocabulary of expressions, equations, terms and factors ● simplify and manipulate algebraic expressions to maintain equivalence by: collecting like terms multiplying a single term over a bracket ● use algebraic methods to solve linear equations in one variable ● understand and use standard mathematical formulae;	Half-term assessment on all topics covered since the start of year 7.

Summer 1	Module 9 - Solving Equations Module 10 - Sequences and graphs Module 11 - Representing Data Module 12 - Averages & Range	Students should be able to: ● use algebraic methods to solve linear equations in one variable ● generate terms of a sequence from either a term-to-term or a position-to-term rule ● able to recognise and use the Fibonacci and Fibonacci-type sequences ● recognise and use sequences of triangular, square and cube numbers, simple arithmetic progressions ● work with coordinates in all four quadrants ● describe, interpret and compare observed distributions of a single variable through: appropriate graphical representation involving discrete, continuous and grouped data; and appropriate measures of central tendency (mean, mode, median) and spread (range, consideration of outliers) ● construct and interpret appropriate tables, charts, and diagrams, including frequency tables, bar charts, pie charts, and pictograms for categorical data, and vertical line (or bar) charts for ungrouped and grouped numerical data ● use standard units of mass, length, time, money and other measures, including with decimal quantities ● change freely between related standard units [for example time, length, area, volume/capacity, mass]	Half-term assessment on all topics covered since the start of year 7.
Summer 2	Module 12 - Averages & Range Module 13 - Probability Module 14 - Perimeter & Area Module 15 - Measures	Students should be able to: ● describe, interpret and compare observed distributions of a single variable through: appropriate graphical representation involving discrete, continuous and grouped data; and appropriate measures of central tendency (mean, mode, median) and spread (range, consideration of outliers) ● record, describe and analyse the frequency of outcomes of simple probability experiments involving randomness, fairness, equally and unequally likely outcomes, using appropriate language and the 0-1 probability scale ● understand that the probabilities of all possible outcomes sum to 1 ● derive and apply formulae to calculate and solve problems involving: perimeter and area of triangles, parallelograms, trapezia, volume of cuboids (including cubes) and other prisms ● Calculate and solve problems involving: perimeters of 2-D shapes ● solve problems involving the calculation and conversion of units of measure, using decimal notation up to three decimal places where appropriate ● use, read, write and convert between standard units, converting measurements of length, mass, volume and time from a smaller unit of measure to a larger unit, and vice versa, using decimal notation to up to three decimal places; convert between miles and kilometres.	End of year assessment on all topics covered since the start of year 7.

Further Information

The exam board used for Mathematics is **Edexcel** - <http://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-gcses/mathematics2015.html>

Sparx Maths - <https://sparxmaths.com/> (All students have individual logins and passwords to support with classwork, homework and revision)

Equipment - All students must attend lessons with pens (including a green pen), pencil, long ruler, rubber, protractor, pair of compasses, scientific calculator, exercise book and home learning book.