

Subject - Maths



Qualification	Examination Board	Specification Code
GCSE Mathematics (9-1)	Edexcel	1MA1
Examination element	100%	Target Grades: 1 - 9

Examination Overview

The GCSE Mathematics (1-9) examination consists of 3 x 1.5 hours written papers .

Paper 1 - Non-calculator

Paper 2 - Calculator

Paper 3 - Calculator

Each paper is marked out of 80 and then the totals are combined.

There are two tiers:

Foundation	Grades 1 - 5
Higher	Grades 4 - 9

Notes

Remember!

Students are now required to **memorise** formulae – start to learn these early on!

Your basic skills are **extremely** important. Ensure you are confident and fluent with long multiplication, long division, rules of fractions, converting from fractions to decimals to percentages, your times tables, etc.

There is a greater emphasis on problem solving and mathematical reasoning, with more marks being awarded to these higher order skills.

When you are revising ensure you practice questions in time pressured situations.

Maths is not a spectator sport – you must do the questions when revising.

Exam Strategy

There are 80 marks on each paper. Use one minute per mark as a rough guide to help you complete all the questions in good time. You must always show **all** of your working out even when you have used a calculator. Make sure your work is set out neatly and is easy for the examiner to follow.

Have a go at every question even if you are not confident as a few marks can make a big difference to your final grade.

Check your answers for errors, especially the first few questions. Use your common sense – is your answer sensible?

Revision Resources

By using the **Maths Watch** revision timetable you can revise all the GCSE content in six weeks. Watch the clips and complete the questions in an exercise book. Mark the questions. If you have any difficulties, ask your teacher to explain or watch the online mathswatch videos – you can find your logins on FROG.

Ensure you purchase a revision guide, this compresses all the content that you need to know into a manageable amount.

Further revision material and sample exam questions can be downloaded from the maths area of **FROG** – you should be accessing this regularly.

Revision Websites

<https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/vle/>

A revision schedule is included in this booklet

www.mathsapp.pixl.org.uk/

(this app can be downloaded on tablets and phone)

Past Papers

As this is a new specification there are very few past papers. However, we have uploaded a number of sample papers to the maths area of FROG. These will be updated throughout the year so that you have plenty to revise from.