

Year 8

What are the aims and intentions of this curriculum?

Students are taught how to work with numbers, algebra, ratio, proportions and rates of change, geometry and measures, probabilities and statistics. The skills attained in KS2 are consolidated mainly through visual arithmetic and concrete applications. At the end of each topic, a closing-the-gap-questionnaire in the form of a review sheet is required to be completed by the students. Homework is given on a weekly basis and is expected to be completed online. To provide students with a holistic experience, prepare them for future success, help them aspire and value mathematics, Personal Social Health and Economic (PSHE) education and Careers Education (CE) are incorporated into the curriculum. Ambitiously, students are enriched by exploring the origins of numbers and receive exposure to current limits within mathematics.

Term	Topics	Knowledge and key terms	Skills developed	Assessment
Autumn 1	Numbers	Addition/sum, subtraction/difference, multiplication/product, division/quotient, BIDMAS, factors, multiples, prime numbers, Highest common factor, Lowest common multiple, surds	Use various written and mental processes to do calculations; estimate answers; use calculators; find and apply the HCF and LCM of numbers; create and use tree and Venn diagrams CE: Clerk, accountant, banker, treasurer, auditor, engineer	End of topic review Homework Bookmarking Classroom feedback Half-term formal assessment
	Area and volume	Area, perimeter, volume/capacity, 2D/3D, nets, surface area, plans, elevations, isometric, convert, metric/imperial	Determine the perimeter of rectilinear shapes; determine area of rectangles, triangles, parallelograms and trapezia; calculate the volume of cuboids and compounded cuboidal shapes; draw views and nets of cuboids; convert between metric and imperial units as well as between different measures of volume/capacity	
			CE: Construction worker, math teacher, interior designer, CAD engineer, plumber PSHE: Use the context of Venn diagrams to explain commonalities of people and to build resilience and tolerance in relationships.	
Autumn 2	Statistics, graphs and charts	Graphs, charts, models, data, mean, median, mode, range, frequency, compare, interpret, draw	Draw and interpret pie charts; use data to create tally tables, grouped frequency tables, two-way tables and stem-and-leaf diagrams; calculate and describe comparisons between mean, median, mode and range of various data expressions; find and describe the correlation in bivariate data CE: Market specialist, data specialist, data analyst, business intelligence analyst, business systems analyst	End of topic review Homework Bookmarking Classroom feedback Half-term formal assessment

	Expressions and equations	Powers/exponents/indices, expressions, equations, identities, formulae, simplify, expand, factorise, function machines, inverse, balance, order of operations	 Expand and simplify algebraic expressions with powers; deduce expressions and equations; factorise common factors; solve equations (excluding equations with fractions) CE: Broadcast technician, carpenter, market analyst, buyer, professor PSHE: Use pie charts to express time spent on daily routines to promote mental well-being. 	
Spring 1	Real-life graphs	Convert, measure, draw, compare, interpret, speed, distance, time, depth, rate	Use graphs to represent conversions; evaluate and compare graphs representing rates of change; draw and use STEM based graphs CE: Animator, cartographer, fashion designer, urban planner, game developer	End of topic review Homework Bookmarking Classroom feedback Half-term formal
	Decimals and ratio	Compare, order, round, calculate, simplify, decimals, negative, powers of 10, ratio	Develop an implicit understanding of decimals and how they are used in calculations; round to significant figures and indicated decimal points; use powers of 10 to multiply and divide; solve problems that require decimals; use decimals accurately in ratios; compare ratios; share in a ratio	assessment
			assembler PSHE: Interpret number size of social media followers/likes count expressed as decimals and raise awareness of becoming emotionally attached to these.	
Spring 2	Lines and angles	Symmetry, properties, parallel, right-angled, regular/irregular, equal, interior, exterior, solve	Identify line and rotational symmetry; apply properties of quadrilaterals; find interior and exterior angles of regular and irregular polygons; solve angle problems by using equations CE: Animator, cartographer, fashion designer, urban planner, game developer	End of topic review Homework Bookmarking Classroom feedback Half-term formal assessment
	Calculating with fractions	Proper/improper, common fractions, common denominators, mixed fractions	Add, subtract, multiply and divide fractions represented in various forms to solve problems, prioritizing those linked to time and money CE: Packaging inspector, packer, housekeeper, janitor, helper, food services	855551116111
			PSHE: Physical wellbeing is promoted by the use fractions to make comparisons between the different weights animals can carry and their own body weight, as well as how high animals can jump compared to their relativistic height.	

Summer 1	Straight line graphs Percentages, decimals and fractions	Plot, straight, equations, gradient, intercept, proportion Convert, terminating, recurring, compare, equivalent, fraction/percentage/decimal, tax	Use a table of values to plot linear and quadratic graphs; find gradients and intercepts from equations and linear graphs; draw linear graphs without a table of values CE: Surveyor, mechanical engineer, robotics engineer, mathematician, architect Convert between fractions and decimals using short and long division; compare fractions; convert proportions to percentages; find percentages of amounts; change amounts by a given percentage; solve problems involving hire purchase and tax CE: Production worker, assembler, cashier, delivery driver, warehouse associate, ice cream maker PSHE: Raise awareness of reporting abuse by interpreting the percentage of domestic abuse that gets reported to the police.	End of topic review Homework Bookmarking Classroom feedback End of year formal assessment
Summer 2	Enrichment	Base number, associativity, distributivity, binary, sequences, expressions, divisibility	Work with different numbers systems other than modern/decimal systems and express these in modern/decimal number systems; describe addition, subtraction, multiplication and division mathematical processes and use these to simplify calculations; develop a numerical understand of pictorial sequences; explore relationships between odd and even numbers, divisibility of nine and sequences that always end with 1	