



Frequently Asked Questions – Maths

Who teaches maths?

Meet the Nidderdale maths team!



Mr Thompson



Mrs Easton



Mr Layas

What are maths lessons like?

We aim to make lessons interesting, enjoyable and challenging for all. There are plenty of chances to ask for help. Our goal is that students understand the work thoroughly so they are confident to apply what they've learnt in future studies and out in the real world.

Do students need a calculator or any other equipment?

We ask that students begin in year 7 with a basic calculator. For GCSE students will need a scientific calculator – the Casio calculators sold in most supermarkets every September are suitable. Other than this, a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber are all that students need.

How many maths lessons do you get each week?

The number of maths lessons per week gradually increases as students move through the school. We start with an average of three 1 hour lessons per week in year 7 and build up to 3.5 or 4 lessons per week in years 9, 10 and 11.

Is maths taught in ability sets?

This varies from year to year depending on the needs of the students. However, we normally teach maths in mixed ability groups in years 7 and 8. In years 9, 10 and 11 students are moved into sets so they can focus on the most suitable level of work for their GCSE. It is possible for students to move from one set to another.

How / when do you decide whether students take Higher or Foundation tier GCSE?

In years 10 and 11, we work with students to decide which tier of entry is likely to give them the best experience in maths and result in the highest final grade. The tier of entry is not limited by the students' Key Stage 2 results when they arrive at the High School.

What GCSE course do you teach?

We follow the Pearson Edexcel GCSE maths course.

How do I get in touch if I have more questions?

Please phone the school on 01423 711246 or use the contact form on the school website.