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## GCSE MATHEMATICS

## Hub school network meetings

## Presentation slides booklet

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## This meeting will be recorded

Exam boards have an Ofqual requirement to record event audio.

Recordings are kept for the lifetime of the specification and not shared as an accompaniment to session resources.

The recording will begin now.

## Contents

- Revision tips and planning
- Revision techniques and resources
- Exam tips


## Revision tips and planning



## Revision means

- Relooking at - not necessarily reteaching!
- Perhaps doing something different revisiting the same content.
- Supporting students with a plan, materials and developing independent learning skills.


## Plan

- Corbett maths etc
corbettmaths.com/2016/05/03/revision-checklists-for-gcse-maths/
- Timetable
- AQA Teaching guidance document (All About Maths)


## Algebra: Example of DfE's subject content

Plot graphs of equations that correspond to straight-line graphs in the coordinate plane; use the form $y=m x+c$ to identify parallel lines and perpendicular lines; find the equation of a line through two given points, or through one point with a given gradient.

## GCSE Mathematics specification



## Extract from AQA specification 8300

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| Basic foundation content | Additional foundation <br> content | Higher content only |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| plot graphs of equations that <br> correspond to straight-line <br> graphs in the coordinate plane | use the form $y=m x+c$ to <br> identify parallel lines | use the form $y=m x+c$ to identify <br> perpendicular lines <br> find the equation of the line <br> through two given points, <br> or through one point with a <br> given gradient |

Plain text Plain text underlined Bold text

## AQA GCSE Teaching guidance

Please see the AQA Teaching guidance section in the Supporting GCSE Mathematics revision booklet.

Page 4 shows the support for our algebra section.

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GCSE 8300

For CLSE exams in June 2017 ormarcs

## AQA GCSE Teaching guidance

- Notice the bold is missing so this is for all students sitting either tier.
- The 'students should be able' section might be useful to students.
- The short questions give clarity and can be used by students.
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## AQA GCSE Teaching guidance

- Notice the labelling is A9h so the guidance focuses on the bold text (for higher work).
- Again, the short questions are a useful source of material to support revision.
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## Big picture - for key topics

- One idea, that many pupils value, is creating a big picture overview for a topic.
- Ideally this may have been created as part of earlier teaching to gather facts and processes together.
- Organised students will have a good set of notes that they have collected; others won't.
- The next slide shows an example.



## Big picture - for key topics.

## Fractions example

Already created as an ongoing teaching resource.

Created with students as a revision aid.

Given as reference resource with a set of problems.

## Big picture - questions/problems

- Questions could be drawn from the teaching guidance, the AQA topic tests, exam questions or just a text book or internet source.


## Fractions problems

Please see the
Supporting GCSE
Mathematics revision
booklet.

1. Show how you would work out $\frac{2}{3}$ of an hour.
2. A plastic supermarket container holds $2 \frac{1}{4}$ litres of milk

If one litre of milk is $1 \frac{3}{4}$ pints, how many pints of milk are in the container?
3. John says $\frac{1}{3}$ of an hour plus $\frac{1}{2}$ of an hour plus $\frac{1}{6}$ of an hour, is 56 minutes.

Show why he is wrong
4. A kitten weighs $\frac{5}{8} \mathrm{~kg}$. If it increases its weight by $\frac{1}{5} \mathrm{~kg}$ each week.

How much will the kitten weigh in 3 weeks' time?
5. I want to cut a piece of wood $4 \frac{1}{2}$ metres long into lenghts each $\frac{3}{4}$ of a metre long? How many lengths can be cut?
6. Put these fractions in order, smallest first $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{4}{5}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{2}{3}$,
7. An athlete weighed $14 \frac{1}{2}$ stones before training for a marathon

After training she lost $1 \frac{1}{7}$ stones. How much did she weigh after training?

## Transformations activity

Please see the transformations activity in the Supporting GCSE Mathematics revision booklet.

- Complete the boxes giving the four types of transformation.
- Now complete the other boxes.
- What feedback do you have?


## Assessment Objective 1

## Use and apply standard techniques

Students should be able to:

- accurately recall facts, terminology and definitions
- use and interpret notation correctly
- accurately carry out routine procedures or set tasks requiring multi-step solutions.

Weighting: F 50\% H 40\%

The underlined text highlights where many students struggle and where they need support in memory tasks.

## Revision cards

- Revision cards can be useful and are easy to design and make.
- You may want to use the 'revision cards knots' (see next slide).
- Example mathematical sets can be found in the Supporting GCSE Mathematics revision booklet.


## Revision card knots

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## Revision card knots

- Cut out the four cards from each page. Fold along the centre lines and glue back to back (so each card has its answer on the back).
- Study the cards and the answers, then with a partner or on your own, test yourself.
- Any you can't recall put to one side and study them. Then shuffle the cards and try again.
- Students can create lots of games with the cards.

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## Revision card maths



## Revision techniques and resources



## Revision techniques

Make the best use of free exam resources and past paper questions to aid revision

- Corbett maths 5-a-day
- Revision mats
- Jo Morgan
- Missbsresources
- JustMaths
- Revision clocks
- Same Surface, Different Deep (SSDD)

Foundation GCSE - breakfast warm-up

| Foundation Maths GCSE: Breakfast Warm Up 1 |  |  |  |  | Calculator A |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\text { Witte } \frac{14}{50} \text { as percentage }$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Calculate } \\ & \frac{0.85 \times 21}{0.5^{2}} \end{aligned}$ |  | Lust the first five prime numbers | $\text { Witte } \frac{2}{5} \text { as a decimal }$ |
|  | Find $57 \%$ of 1124 | Work out the area | Find $\frac{3}{8}$ of 40 | How many centimetres are in 75 metres? | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Wite } 5 \frac{1}{4} \text { as an improper } \\ & \text { Traction } \end{aligned}$ |
|  | You can buy 10 pencils for 80 p. How much will it cost to buy 15 pencils? | Solve $4 x+7=35$ |  | A car increases its speed from 50 mph to 80 mph . Work out the percentage increase. | $\begin{gathered} \text { Expand } \\ 4 x^{2}(2 x+3) \end{gathered}$ |
|  | A fair dice is rolled 60 times How many times would you expect to roll a six? |  | A cup of coffee costs $£ 1.20$ A cup of tea costs $£ 1.15$. buy two cups of coffee and four cups of tea. How much change should I get from a $£ 10$ note? | Find the area of a circle with radius 5 cm . | $\begin{gathered} \text { Find the value of } \begin{array}{c}  \\ x=2 \\ y=x^{2}+5 x-6 \end{array} \end{gathered}$ |
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| Final Countdown Higher Revision Mat |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1) Calculate the volume. <br> Radius of cone 4 cm Height of cone 10 cm | 2) The $p$ $A C$ : $C B=$ Find $\overrightarrow{O C}$ of $a$ and |  |  | 3) Make $m$ the subject of the formula. $\frac{m}{l+m}=\frac{n}{p}$ |  | 5) Millie travelled 190 miles to the nearest ten miles to London at an average speed of 67.4 mph correct to 3 significant figures. What was the quickest time possible for her to complete her journey? |
|  | 6) By eliminating $y$, find the solutions to the simultaneous equations $\begin{gathered} x^{2}+y^{2}=25 \\ y=x-7 \end{gathered}$ | 7) Expan | and simp |  | 8) Calculate the area of the shaded region inside the equilateral triangle to 3 SF . M \& N <br> are midpoints. | 9) $y$ is directly proportional to $x^{2}$. $y=300 \text { when } x=5 \text {. }$ <br> Calculate the value of $y$ when $x=9$ | 10) Express $\mathbf{0 . 3 5 4 7}$ as a fraction in it's simplest form. |
|  | 11) Calculate the size of angle <br> $a$. | 12) Ash <br> stratified <br> students. <br> invear 8 <br> Year 7 <br> 176 |  | r takes a <br> students <br> mple? <br> Year 9 <br> 86 | 13) Write $\frac{\sqrt{8}+6}{\sqrt{2}}$ in the form $p+q \sqrt{2}$, where $p$ and $q$ are integers. | 14) Solve $12 x^{2}-10 x-5=0$ | $\begin{array}{\|l\|l\|} \hline \text { 15) Evaluate } \\ 125^{\frac{2}{3}} \end{array}$ |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 16) Work out } \\ & \left(3.7 \times 10^{6}\right) \times\left(4.8 \times 10^{7}\right) \end{aligned}$ | 17) Ratio | $\frac{\sqrt{3}+4}{\sqrt{2}-5}$ |  | 18) $s$ is inversely proportional to $t$. $s=8 \text { when } t=2$ <br> Calculate the value of $s$ when $t=4$ | 19) Prove using algebra the sum of four consecutive numbers is always even. |  |
|  |  | mis |  |  | Challenge <br> There are ' $n$ ' students in a class. random to go on a trip out of a student at random for the nam <br> Show that $n^{2}-n-75=0$ <br> om | 6 of the students are girls. Miss B at and places the name to one sid in the hat. The probability Miss $\qquad$ | ects a students name at Miss B then selects another elects two girls is $\frac{2}{5}$. |
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## JustMaths countdown calendar



Resource TES, revision clocks


## Revision clocks

- These can be used as a template in the classroom.
- The idea is to set $12 \times 5$ minute questions for a revision lesson on a themed topic or a spread (eg multi-choice questions).
- You can use revision mats or past exam papers to set the questions (see later example).


## Revision techniques SSDD

- Same Surface, Different Deep.
- This encourages students to read the question properly and understand the skills and knowledge they need.
- They explore some of the possible tasks which offer a different depth of knowledge starting with a common point or 'theme'.
- Five topics to demonstrate the technique:
- ratio
- quadratics
- pie charts
- sequences
- triangles.



## Quadratics SSDD

- Factorise
- Solve
- Sketch
- Draw
- Complete the square
- Transform from $Y=X^{2}$
- Location of turning point
- Line of symmetry
- Formula

Quadratics SSDD: $f(x)=x^{2}+b x+c$

| $f(x)=$ | Find $f(x+3)$ | Complete the square <br> $f(x)=(x-a)^{2}+b$ | Complete a table of <br> values for $-4 \leq x \leq 4$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Factorise $f(x)$ | Equation of the line <br> of symmetry? | Describe fullythe <br> transformations <br> $Y=x^{2}$ to $Y=f(x)$ <br> from | State the coordinates <br> of the minimum point. |
| Solve $f(x)=0$ | Find $f(-6)$ | Sketch $Y=f(x)$ | Use the formula to <br> solve $f(x)=0$ |
| $X=$ |  |  |  |

Quadratics SSDD: $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{x}^{2}+\mathrm{bx}+\mathrm{c}$

- Please see the template in the Revision techniques, Same Surface Different Deep (SSDD) booklet.
- The degree of difficulty can be varied, depending on the given starting point.
- The same sheet can be used for a series of home learning tasks, starting at different points.

Quadratics SSDD: $f(x)=x^{2}+b x+c$

Here are three different suggested starting points.

| $f(x)=x^{2}+2 x-15$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $x=-2$ |
| $x=4$ |$\quad$| Solve $f(x)=0$ |
| :--- |
| Translation $\binom{3}{-16}$ |

## Pie charts

- Read
- Draw
- Compare angle with fraction/proportion
- Use of algebra


## Pie charts - see exam questions

- S19 3F Q17(b) Draw pie chart
- N18 3F Q2 Equate fraction with angle
- S18 3F Q19 Complete and read pie chart
- N17 1F Q30 Use algebra


## Sequences

- Term to term rule forwards, backwards
- Different types of sequences
- nth term given, find terms
- Terms given, find $n$th term


## Sequences - see exam questions

See the Revision techniques, Same Surface Different Deep (SSDD) booklet for examples.

- S19 2F Q28 Find $n$th term
- N18 1F Q14 Use nth term
- N18 3F Q14 Term to term rule
- S18 2F Q23 Types of sequences


## Triangles

- Types of triangles
- Angles
- Area
- Perimeter
- Pythagoras
- Trigonometry
- Use of algebra


## Triangles - see exam questions

See the Revision techniques, Same Surface Different Deep (SSDD) booklet to explore a small range of suggested starting points.

- S19 3F Q29
- S19 3F Q30
- N18 2F Q25
- S19 2F Q22
- S18 2F Q16(a)


## Exam tips

## General well-being

Students need to be prepared, mentally and physically:

- eating and sleeping well; having slow release energy food
- being on time
- having all the equipment
- relaxing during the exam.


## Some general approaches

There are general approaches for all maths papers.

- Don't cram; space out revision before the exam.
- Carefully read the instructions - twice!
- Plan timings - decide which questions to do first.
- Think carefully about what the question is asking.
- Underline key words.
- Estimate what the answer should be.


## Some general approaches

- Show your working - even for multiple choice questions.
- Make sure working follows a logical pattern and isn't haphazard.
- Think about presentation.
- Keep going to the end of the paper - resilience.
- Leave time for checking - 1 minute per mark.


## Some specific approaches

For multiple choice questions:

- cover up the choices and read the stem
- think of the answer
- uncover the choices - read them carefully
- guess if you can't decide.


## Some specific approaches

## Structured questions

- Plan a step-by-step route through the problem
- What do I know?
- What do I need to find?
- How do I get there?
- A diagram might help
- Draw on the diagram


## Common errors

Student who gains grade 3 - errors seen include:

- addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages, scale, ratio.

The first 8 questions of Foundation - errors seen include:

- transcribing errors
- simple multiplication errors - in particular times tables
- fractions, decimal, percentage equivalence.


## Common errors

Higher - errors seen include:

- attempting a question more than once; not indicating the final answer
- recalling and using correct formulae
- 'show that' questions
- proof questions.


## Accessing a question

In pairs suggest ways students could access the questions so that they succeed in:

- 1F Q21(a) and 21(b)
- 2F Q22
- 3F Q25
- 1H Q20(a) and 20(b)
- 2 H 20
- 3H 27.


## Calculator use

Proficient use of a calculator is vital:

- correct mode
- use of function keys
- brackets
- memory function
- order of operations.

A calculator has to be used for specific questions.

## Mock exam analyser

A demonstration of the mock exam analyser, Foundation Paper 1.

## Useful resources

- Examiner reports
- Mock exam analysers
- Tips to unlock GCSE Maths resits
- Tips for perfecting exam technique
- GCSE Maths exams and revision: what you need to do
- Exam wrappers
- researchschool.org.uk/sandringham/blog/exam-wrappers-a-reflection
- cmu.edu/teaching/designteach/teach/examwrappers/
- theconfidentteacher.com/2016/06/confidence-tests-exam-wrappers/

Any questions?


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