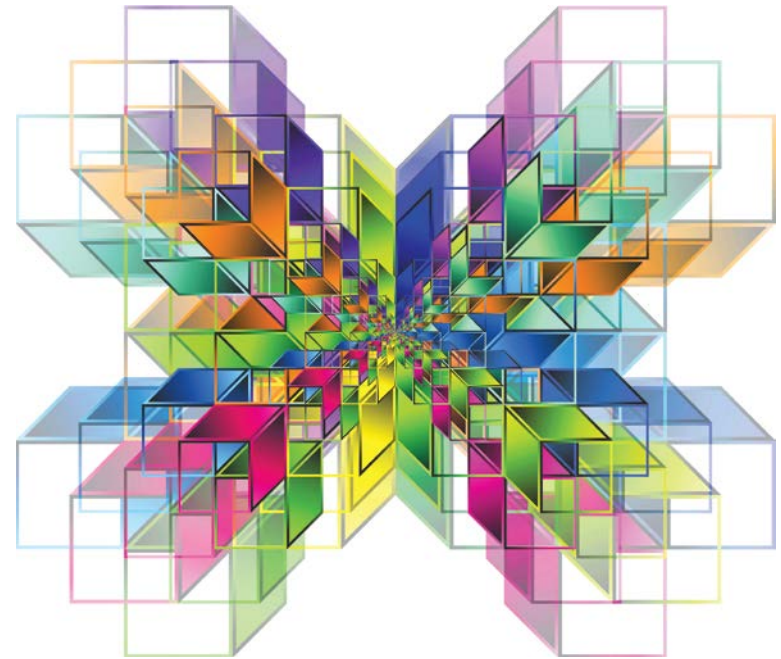
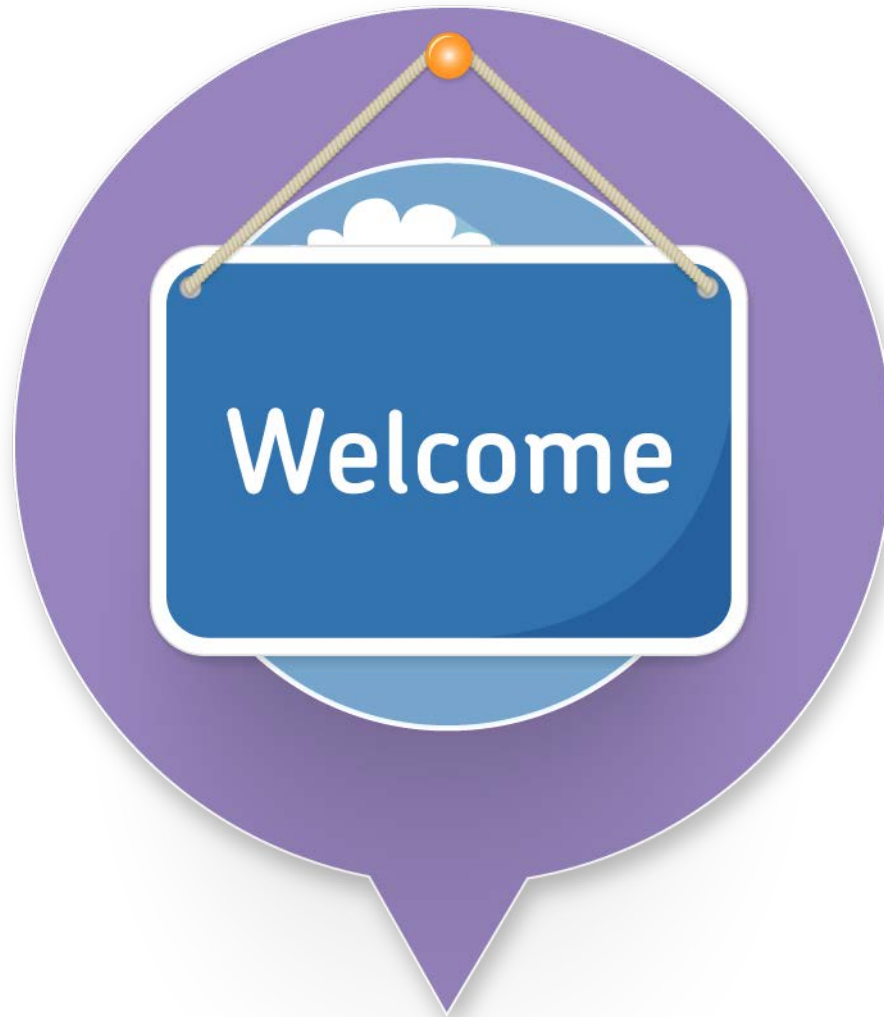


GCSE Maths hub schools network Functional Skills update

Spring 2019





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.

Background

- There will be new Functional Skills Qualifications (FSQs) for Maths and English
- Designed to increase the comparability between qualifications offered by different awarding organisations
- Over time, to ensure there is greater control of standards
- First teaching in September, 2019
- Students registered on or after 1st September must sit the new exams, even if legacy exams are still available

What has happened so far?

- FSQs are the 2nd largest qualification type, after GCSEs
- DfE and Ofqual consulted on their proposals for new FSQs in September 2017
- Specific proposals for content and Assessments were consulted on during Spring 2018
- Ofqual's response was published in June 2018
- Content and Assessment Guidance was also published in June 2018
- Awarding Organisations were asked to submit new FSQs

Our response

- We have submitted proposals for new FSQs for English and Maths
- In Maths, we have developed FSQs at Level 1 and Level 2
- Standards will be maintained between the legacy and new qualifications
- FSQs will continue to be a stepping stone to a pass at GCSE
- But are not equivalent to a pass at GCSE for funding purposes

Required features of the new FSQs

- A Pass/Fail award
- 25% non-calculator, 75% calculator
- 25% Underpinning Skills, 75% Problem Solving
- Content is fixed for all boards by DfE and covers:
 - (a) using numbers and the number system
 - (b) using common measures, shape and space
 - (c) handling information and data.
- A significant amount of the content must be assessed in each exam
- Assessments time must be between 1 hour 45 mins and 2 hours 30 mins

Features of our submission

The same structure at Level 1 and 2

Paper 1: Non-calculator	+	Paper 2: Calculator
What's assessed All subject content for the level		What's assessed All subject content for the level
How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 30 mins• Paper based• 20 marks• 25% of the AQA Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills in Mathematics		How it's assessed <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Written exam: 1 hour 30 mins• Paper based• 60 marks• 75% of the AQA Level 1 and 2 Functional Skills in Mathematics
Questions Section A: Underpinning Skills A mix of multiple choice and short response questions Section B: Problem solving Short response questions		Questions Section A: Underpinning Skills A mix of multiple choice and short response questions Section B: Problem solving Short response questions

Our assessments and resources

- Paper based examination
- Pass/Fail award
- 4 series per year– January, March, June, November
- Draft Sample Papers and Mark Schemes at aqa.org.uk
- Teaching guidance (to be written)
- 2nd set of practice papers (to be written)

Why AQA?

- A genuine stepping stone to GCSE
 - GCSE style layout
 - Questions with a similar language and style
 - Paper-based examination allows exam technique to be practised
- Believable scenarios which are meaningful to young people
 - Personal finance
 - Work based decision making
 - Maths which is appropriate to the situation
- Designed to support teaching and learning
 - Helping students to find the maths in their lives

Real situations – real maths

Our approach gives teachers the freedom to explore real maths with their students

- Best buy decisions for an office
- Calculating quantities for a garden landscaping project
- Organising an event, setting prices, ordering the catering
- Setting a budget – can I afford this?

How can I get more information?

Our new draft specification (8361/8362) and sample materials are available to download now

[aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/functional-skills/mathematics-8361-8362](https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/functional-skills/mathematics-8361-8362)



LEVEL 1 AND 2 FUNCTIONAL SKILLS IN MATHEMATICS

(8361/8362)

Specification
For teaching from September 2019 onwards
For exams January 2020 onwards

Version 0.7 November 2018



Any questions?



How did we do?

Please take a moment to complete a brief evaluation form for today's event. Your feedback is very important to us as it helps us improve and plan future training.

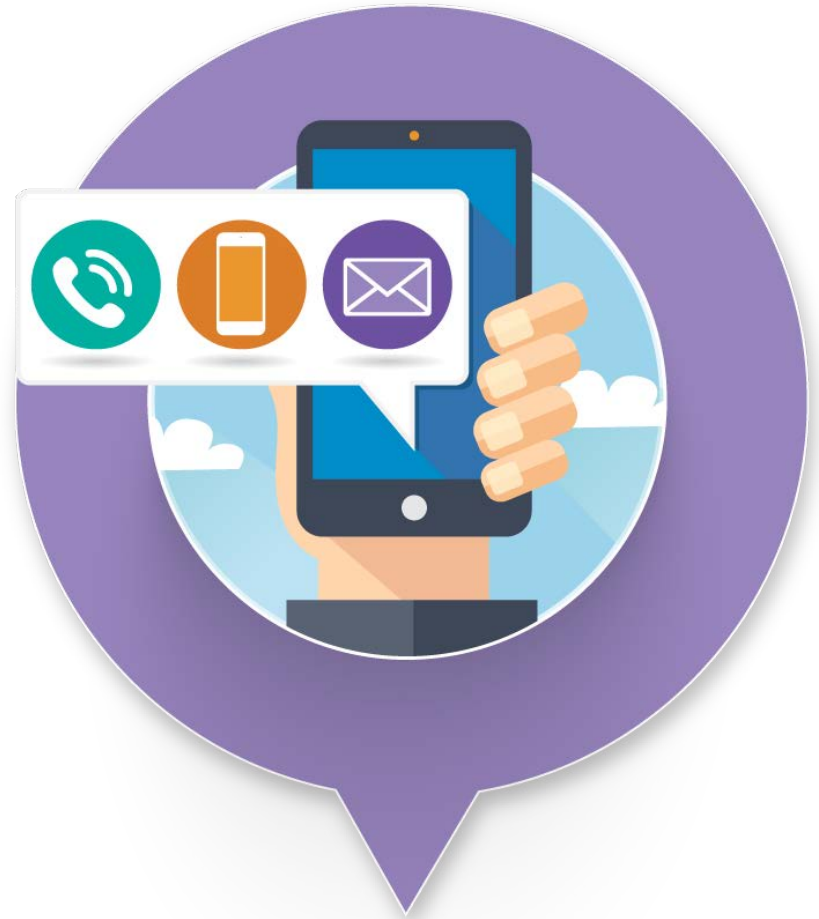
You should have been emailed the evaluation form. Please check your inbox (possibly your junk mail folder). If you haven't received it please give your trainer your name, centre name/number and email address so that we can look into it for you.

Thank you.

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Thank you
