

GCSE Mathematics Revision Guidance

The most important part of revising for Maths is practice.

Students will be provided with past papers to help them with their revision and it is important that they spend the time to complete these properly and that they return to them after marking to correct any mistakes.

Additional practice papers can be found on the Corbett Maths website:

<https://corbettmaths.com/>

This website also has examination style questions organised by topic and linked video examples for each topic.

Another useful website is Maths Genie: <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/gcse.html>

This website also provides examination style questions, organised by topic and grade.

This year, the examination boards have produced formula sheets, which will be provided in the GCSE examinations and they are also being given for all internal assessments. The formula sheets differ for Foundation Tier and Higher Tier and both are on the following pages.

We have now started running revision sessions after school on Wednesdays, 3:40pm – 4:30pm. There are two classes running each week to ensure there is content suitable for all students. Additional information on the subject content of each session is displayed in school for students to see.

Higher Tier Formulae Sheet

Perimeter, area and volume

Where a and b are the lengths of the parallel sides and h is their perpendicular separation:

$$\text{Area of a trapezium} = \frac{1}{2} (a + b) h$$

Volume of a prism = area of cross section \times length

Where r is the radius and d is the diameter:

$$\text{Circumference of a circle} = 2\pi r = \pi d$$

$$\text{Area of a circle} = \pi r^2$$

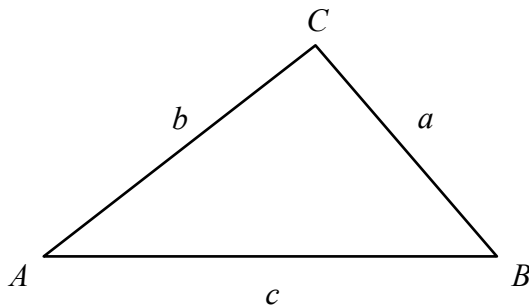
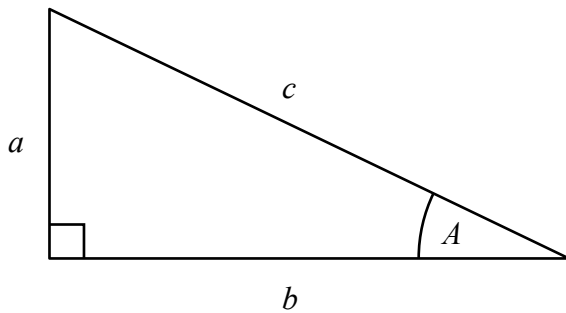
Quadratic formula

The solution of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

where $a \neq 0$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry



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$$\text{sine rule: } \frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

$$\text{cosine rule: } a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

$$\text{Area of triangle} = \frac{1}{2} a b \sin C$$

Compound Interest

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$$\text{Total accrued} = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{100} \right)^n$$

Probability

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$$P(A \text{ or } B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$$

$$P(A \text{ and } B) = P(A \text{ given } B) P(B)$$

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Foundation Tier Formulae Sheet

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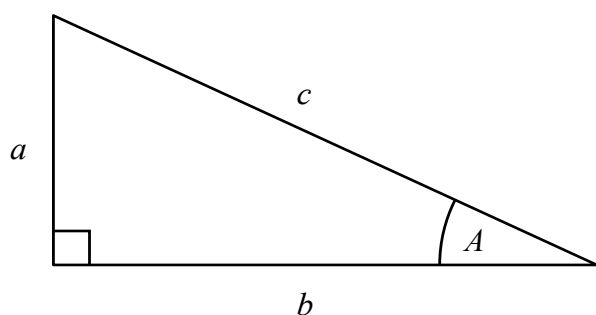
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