

Welcome to Year 9 Maths

At WBS, we run a 3 year GCSE Maths course with one clear aim - success for everyone. The content is diverse, engaging and essential in equipping students with the right skills to reach their future destination, whatever that may be. In Year 9, you will learn the key building blocks of your GCSE course, exploring topics in great detail and giving yourself the platform to move into Year 10 and 11 on the right track.

Assessment and Feedback

There are regular assessments in Maths that will help to track your progress, and inform teachers and parents of how you are performing against your targets. These take place at the end of each Unit and are generally 40 mark tests. They are reflective of the nature of questions you will see in your real GCSE examination.

There are 8 Units in Year 9 Maths. When you have completed a test, it will be marked by your teacher and there will be a review lesson to follow up on the test. You will then be set a review homework which will be targeted at the individual areas where you have struggled.

Classwork

Your books are periodically checked by your teacher to ensure that you are:

- Keeping appropriate notes & methods as shown by your teacher
- Presenting your work clearly and neatly, showing logical, mathematical steps
- Drawing margins & underlining titles
- Marking your own work and/or that of your peers using a different colour
- Not doodling in your book or tearing out pages

Homework

A range of homework tasks will be set by your teacher. They will include both online (MyMaths, Kerboodle) and offline tasks. Your feedback will be given in a variety of ways, including through BrightSpace and also written feedback which can be placed into your progress folder.

Exams

You will sit 3 terminal exams at the end of the GCSE Course (end of Year 11). Paper 1 is non-calculator and Papers 2-3 are calculator papers. Each of these papers are worth 80 marks and last 1 hour and 30 minutes.