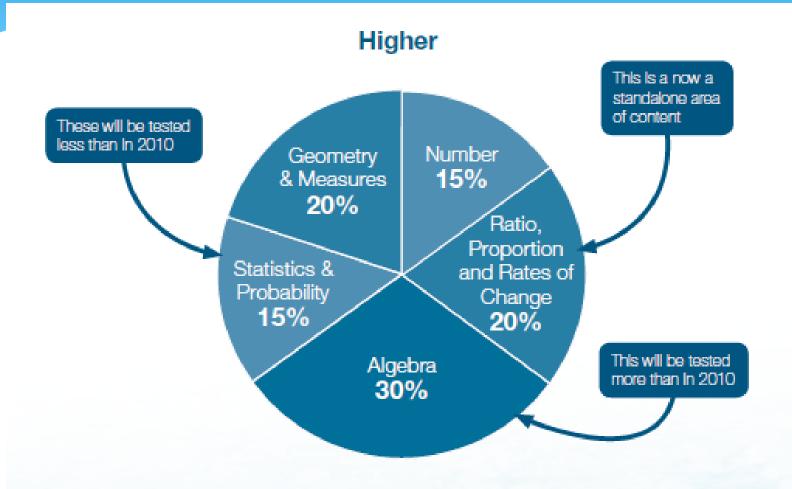
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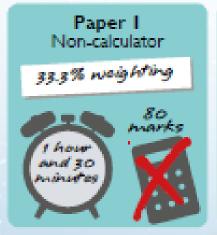
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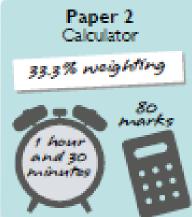


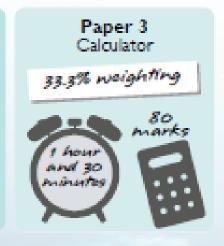


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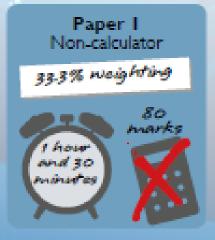
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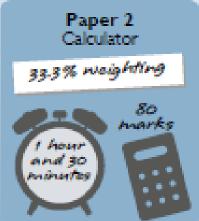


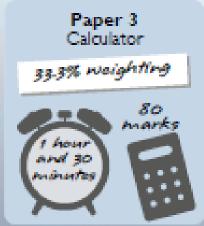




Higher (grades 4-9)







Assessment objectives

- AO1 Questions that test students' memory of the content they learned in class
- AO2 Questions that present a scenario and ask students to apply the correct maths
- AO3 Questions that present a problem and leave the student to solve it

Unlike AO1 and AO2, AO3 questions will often leave the students with no hints or tips on how to solve the problem. They will often be open-ended and leave the students to develop their own method of answering the question.

Chelsea won the Premier League Championship in 2009/10. They played 38 games and won 27 of them. What percentage of the games they played in the league did they win?

(This is a simple AO1 question. Although the information is set in a context, students just need to recall and use the correct formula in order to gain a mark.)





In the football season 2009/10, Chelsea played some games away from their home ground. Of these away games, they drew 4 games, lost one more than they drew and won twice as many as they lost. How many matches did they play away from home?

(This is an example of an AO2 question. The students have to select and apply the correct method in the context to find the appropriate solution.)

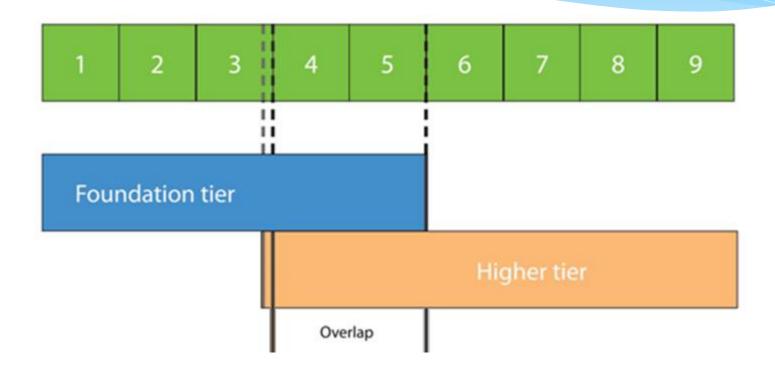


In the season 2009/10, Chelsea played 38 matches. They drew 5 of their games, lost 3/19 of their games and won the rest. If they gained 3 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and o points for a loss, how many points did they have at the end of the season?

(This is an example of an AO3 question. The students will have to interpret and analyse the problem and generate a strategy to solve it. Quite often in these questions, there will be more than one way of finding an answer that is correct.)



Illustration of grades and tiering in the new GCSE mathematics



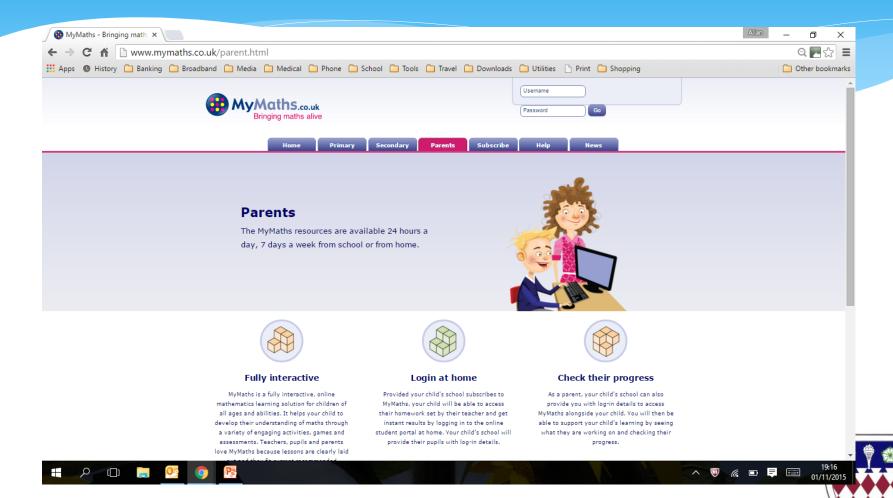


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AQA GCSE Further mathematics for those aiming for grade 8 or 9.



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- Homework books.
- MyMaths website.
- Mathsgenie
- Dr Frost
- Talk to your teachers for support.
- Mathematics Clinic every Thursday.
- Revision guides available.



Finally?

What can you do to support your daughter in maths?

- Encourage your daughter whenever possible. Revision prior to every assessment is a vital part of developing skills for the final examination series.
- 2. Developing the ability of "working out what to do when you don't know what to do" takes time, perseverance and practice, practice practice. Encourage your daughter to "stick with it" and ask for help if necessary. Where there is a will there is a way etc
- 3. Make the most of technology available to us today; graphing tools, mymaths and numeracy apps to boost confidence and speed up calculations.
- 4. Homework is a vitally important part of developing skills independently, it provides consolidation and enrichment opportunities. So your continued support with a quiet place to work, preferably in a social media free-zone to aid concentration and encouragement when questions are tough is always appreciated.