



**Subject:** A-Level Mathematics Year 1

**Exam Board:** Pearson Edexcel Level 3 Advanced Subsidiary GCE in Mathematics (8MA0)

**Overview:**

Throughout the term students will be developing and improving their understanding of Algebra, Coordinate Geometry and Trigonometry from GCSE as well as being introduced to Calculus & Mechanics.

**Autumn Term**

Outline of Key Learning	Unit Code
<p><b>Algebra and Functions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Algebraic manipulation, surds and indices</li> <li>b. Solving quadratics and using the discriminant</li> <li>c. Solving simultaneous equations – one linear and one quadratic</li> <li>d. Solving inequalities – linear, quadratic and showing it graphically</li> <li>e. Sketch functions</li> <li>f. Transforming functions</li> </ul>	<p><b>1a, b, c, d, e, f</b></p>
<p><b>Differentiation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Differentiate polynomials</li> <li>b. Find: gradient at a point, minimum and maximum points, equations of tangents and normal</li> </ul>	<p><b>6a, b</b></p>
<p><b>Co-ordinate Geometry</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Find equations given 2 points, find length of lines, calculate area given equations</li> <li>b. Equations of circles and geometric problems</li> </ul>	<p><b>2a, b</b></p>
<p><b>Algebra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Divide polynomials, factor theorem and proof</li> <li>b. Binomial expansion</li> </ul>	<p><b>3a, b</b></p>



<b>Trigonometry</b>  a. Understand and use trigonometric ratios and graphs b. Trigonometric identities and solving equations	<b>4a, b</b>
<b>Vectors</b>  a. Find magnitude, add and subtract vectors, scalar multiplication b. Geometric problems with vectors	<b>5a, b</b>
<b>Mechanics</b>  a. Mathematical modelling and standard S.I units of length, time and mass] b. Definitions of force, velocity, speed, acceleration, and weight and displacement and linking to vectors	<b>6a, b of Mechanics</b>
<b>Kinematics</b>  a. Graphical representations of velocity, acceleration and displacement b. Apply and use SUVAT formula	<b>7a, b of Mechanics</b>

<b>Overview:</b>	
<b>Spring Term</b>	
<b>Outline of Key Learning</b>	<b>Unit Code</b>
<b>Statistical Sampling</b> a. Advantages and disadvantages of sampling methods b. Understand and use sampling techniques and make comparisons	<b>1a, b of Statistics</b>
<b>Data presentation and Interpretation</b> a. Calculation and interpretation of measures of location and variation. Use coding b. Interpret diagrams for single-variable data, interpret scatter graphs and recognise outliers	<b>2a, b of Statistics</b>
<b>Probability</b> a. Mutually exclusive events b. Independent events	<b>3 of Statistics</b>
<b>Statistical Distributions</b> a. Use discrete distributions to model real-world problems and calculate probabilities using binomial distribution	<b>4 of Statistics</b>
<b>Integration</b> a. Understand and integrate indefinite integrals $x^n$ b. Definite integrals and find areas under curves	<b>7a, b</b>
<b>Exponentials and Logarithms</b> a. Calculate and use exponential functions and natural logarithms	<b>8</b>



<b>Forces and Newton's Laws</b>  a. Use and apply Newton's first law, use force diagrams, equilibrium and units <b>i, j</b> b. Use and apply Newton's second and third law and link to particles and pulleys	<b>8 of Mechanics</b>
<b>Kinematics 2</b>  a. Use and apply calculus to determine rates of change for kinematics b. Use integration for kinematic problems	<b>9 of Mechanics</b>
<b>Statistical Hypothesis Testing</b>  a. Understanding hypothesis testing and significance levels b. Carry out hypothesis tests involving the binomial distribution	<b>5 of Statistics</b>



<b>Overview:</b> Students are entered in for the AS qualification, which is in May. Students will be re-visiting topics and applying to past papers	
<b>Summer Term</b>	
<b>Outline of Key Learning</b>	<b>Specification Code</b>
<b>Exam preparation</b> a. Revisit prior knowledge and apply to exam questions. b. Improve exam technique and problem solving questions	<b>ALL</b>

A variety of different resources are available to students to assist independent learning. These include:

- Edexcel A Level Mathematics Textbook
  - Student Logins for Integral Mathematics
  - Student Logins for Dr Frost Mathematics
  - Exam Solutions <https://www.examsolutions.net/a-level-maths/> and Maths Genie <https://www.mathsgenie.co.uk/alevel.html> provide a useful bank of Exam Style questions
  - Revision Guides and Workbooks
  - Specification link and further resources:  
<https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/qualifications/edexcel-a-levels/mathematics-2017.html#%2Ftab-ASMathematics>
- \*Be aware that you will need to click on AS Mathematics on the drop down menu.