

MATHEMATICS GCSE COURSE



GCSE Mathematics is now a key requirement for many job roles as it demonstrates an understanding of numbers and an ability to work with them. And yet many people find numbers intimidating.

With this in mind, this course has been designed to guide you through the subject in logical, easy-to-follow steps, building on your understanding as your confidence grows.

The GCSE places great emphasis on “doing mathematics” and relating this wherever possible, to everyday life. Certain techniques and formulae need to be learnt, but the emphasis on “doing” means that you should work carefully through all the examples and exercises in order to be able to solve problems effectively.

Mathematics is essentially a holistic subject and, as such, should be taught in this way with connections being made between the sections on Number and algebra, Shape, space and measures and Handling data as demanded in the National Curriculum. For example, Number underpins the whole of mathematics.

The Maths GCSE course gently guides the student through basic mathematical skills, progressing onto more advanced material as the student's skills and abilities develop. A reasonable level of proficiency in arithmetical skills is assumed.

Students aim for the **higher tier level**, as AQA have not run the intermediate tier since 2007.

Each lesson begins with a set of clearly stated objectives and an explanation of its place in the overall programme of study. Effective learning is encouraged through frequent activities and self-assessment questions. There are thirteen tutor-marked assignments and a practice exam paper.

The Syllabus:

Our Maths GCSE course prepares students for **AQA GCSE Mathematics syllabus 4306** for exams in 2009 and later years. We have chosen this syllabus as the most suited to distance learning. Assessment is by two examination papers.

Examinations:

Paper 1 (2 Hours) is 50% of the total marks:

The paper is a Written Paper (Non-calculator).

Paper 2 (2 Hours) is 50% of the total marks:

The paper is a Written Paper (With calculator).

Price:
£295.00

Instalment Options:
You can spread the payments for this course over 4 monthly payments. 1 initial payment of £145.00, followed by 3 monthly payments of £50.00.

Course Format:
Paper Based Course Materials

Assessment:
2 Examinations

Approximate Study Time:
200 Hours of Self Study

Coursework:

No Coursework is required.

Additional Reading:

No additional textbooks are required.

Technical Support:

Every student receives a personal tutor with whom they need to keep in regular contact. The essential relationship between student and tutor begins with an introductory letter and a telephone call to help decide on a study plan. All tutors are fully qualified teachers holding either a Postgraduate Certificate in Education or a degree in education. So when you enrol on a course you can be assured of the assistance of a professionally qualified subject specific tutor.

We don't set a limit on how often you can contact your tutor. The advice and encouragement our tutors provide are an important part of your learning experience. You can contact your tutor by Phone, Post or Email. There are tutor-marked assignments (TMA's) in every course. These help the student consolidate the learning he or she has done and prepare for examinations. All tutors have a local rate telephone number such as a 0845 number. This means that when you phone your tutor it will only cost you the price of a local call. Whilst you are still actively submitting assignments, you should expect to be in contact with your tutor regularly. Remember, to get the most out of your tutor, you will need to tell them when you need assistance.

Examination Centres:

There are approximately 300 testing centres in the UK, so finding one close by should not be very difficult. In December/January we contact you to start arranging your examination dates.

We always try to give whatever help we can with examination information, but the entering of students for examinations and any dealings with the examination centre's are entirely the responsibility of the student.

GCSE Examination Fees:

On average the GCSE examination fee is approximately £30 per subject regardless of the amount of examinations, plus an administration fee which is at the discretion of the exam centre.

Studying from Abroad:

It is possible to study GCSE Courses from anywhere in the world. However some courses are easier to study from abroad than others and some restrictions to the type of tuition available apply.

If you wish to study a GCSE then you will need to sit the examinations in the UK. Please remember that most of our GCSEs have several examinations which may well be spread over several weeks.