

# PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

# Who should study this subject?

Students who are studying A Level Mathematics who have a real flair and passion for the subject and wish to study it in greater breadth and depth. Studying Further Mathematics is particularly beneficial for those who wish to read Mathematics and/or Engineering at university.

The foundations needed to thrive in this subject.

# Key Skills developed during KS4:

As per A Level Mathematics

# St George's course entry requirements:

In addition to the entry requirement for sixth form, a **grade 7** or above in Mathematics. Please note that Mathematics and Further Mathematics can only be taken **together** with **2 other** A Level courses.

# QUALIFICATION

# Exam Board, aims and objectives.

# A Level Further Mathematics Edexcel

https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/A%20Level/Mathematics/2017/specification-and-sample-assesment/a-level-I3-further-mathematics-specification.pdf

# ASSESSMENT

# Internal monitoring and final assessment.

### Internal Assessment:

- Internal checkpoints are taken at regular intervals, 2 or 3 topics at a time.
- January Year 13: Mock examinations

## Final assessment:

4 x 90 minute examinations taken at the end of the course:

- Mandatory Core Pure (50%): Core Pure 1 & Core Pure 2
- Two Options (25% each): Decision Mathematics, Mechanics or Statistics
  - Students will begin Year 13 studying all three options in order to best ensure the correct two are selected for further study. This decision will be made sometime in the Autumn Term.

## **ENRICHMENT**

# Trips & Visits, wider reading, etc.

## Visits and Events:

- Senior Maths Challenge
- Maths Team Challenge
- University of Hertfordshire Problem Solving Workshops
- Mathsfest

## Wider reading:

- Books by Marcus du Sautoy, Rob Eastaway, Hannah Fry, Simon Singh and Ian Stewart
- Podcasts including More or Less, Infinite Monkey Cage, Curious Cases of Rutherford and Fry

There are various websites which are useful for wider reading:

- http://www.cut-the-rope.org/
- https://plus.maths.org/content/

## **NEXT STEPS**

# Where this subject can take you.

## **Related University Courses:**

As per A Level Mathematics. In addition, students following degree courses in Mathematics and/or Engineering would find Further Mathematics particularly useful.

## **Career Paths:**

As per A Level Mathematics.

Students complete the A Level Mathematics course in one year, gaining the qualification at the end of Year 12. Please see A Level Mathematics for course content. Students then start the Further Mathematics course at the end of Year 12.

	Year 12
Autumn Term	Students will follow the Year 12 Mathematics course
Spring Term	Students will follow the Year 13 Mathematics course
Summer Term	Topics:  Core Pure  Complex numbers, Argand diagrams, Roots of polynomials, Series, Volumes of revolution, Matrices, Linear transformations.  Skills:  Understand and use the definitions of imaginary and complex numbers Add and subtract complex numbers Multiply complex numbers  Understand the definition of a complex conjugate Divide complex numbers  Understand the definition of a complex conjugate Divide complex numbers  Solve quadratic equations that have complex roots Solve cubic or quartic equations that have complex roots Solve use or quartic equations that have complex roots Solve use or quartic equations that have complex roots Solve use or quartic equations that have complex number  Write a complex number in modulus-argument form Represent loci on an Argand diagram  Represent loci on an Argand diagram  Represent loci on an Argand diagram  Represent use the relationships between the roots of a quadratic equation Derive and use the relationships between the roots of a cubic equation Derive and use the relationships between the roots of a quartic equation Derive and use the relationships between the roots of a quartic equation  Evaluate expressions relating to the roots of polynomials Find the equation of a polynomial whose roots are a linear transformation of the roots of a given polynomial  Use standard results for $\sum_{r=1}^{n} 1$ and $\sum_{r=1}^{n} r$ Evaluate and simplify series of the form $\sum_{r=1}^{n} f(r)$ where $f(r)$ is linear, quadratic or cubic  Find the volume of revolution when a curve is rotated around the x axis Find the volume of revolution when a curve is rotated around the y axis Find the roots of understand the concept of a matrix  Add and subtract matrices  Multiply a matrix by a scalar  Multiply matrices  Calculate the determinant of a matrix  Hieroret's invalidations.
	Interpret simultaneous equations geometrically Understand the properties of linear transformations and represent them using matrices Perform reflections and rotations using matrices Carry out enlargements and stretches using matrices

Find the coordinates of invariant points and the equations of invariant lines

Carry out successive transformations using matrix products

Understand linear transformations in 3 dimensions

Use inverse matrices to reverse linear transformations

#### Assessment:

Work will be submitted regularly to assess understanding

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## Year 13

# Autumn Term

## **Topics:**

# **Core Pure**

Proof by induction, vectors, Complex numbers, Methods in calculus, Series, Volumes of revolution, Methods in differential equations.

## Decision (if taken as an option)

Algorithms, Graphs and networks, Algorithms on graphs, Route inspection, The travelling salesman problem

# Mechanics (if taken as an option)

Momentum and impulse, Work, energy and power, Elastic strings and springs

# Statistics (if taken as an option)

Discrete random variables, Poisson distributions, Geometric and negative binomial distributions, Hypothesis testing, Central limit theorem

### Skills:

### **Core Pure**

Understand the principle of proof by induction and prove results about sums of series

Prove results about divisibility using induction

Prove results about matrices using induction

Understand and use the vector and Cartesian forms of the equation of a straight line in three dimensions

Understand and use the vector and Cartesian forms of the equation of a plane

Calculate the scalar product for two 3D vectors

Calculate the angle between two vectors, two lines, a line and a plane, or two planes

Understand and use the scalar product form of the equation of a plane

Determine whether two lines meet and determine the point of intersection

Calculate the perpendicular distance between: two line, a point and a line, or a point and a plane

Express a complex number in exponential form

Multiply and divide complex numbers in exponential form

Understand de Moivre's theorem

Use de Moivre's theorem to derive trigonometric identities

Use de Moivre's theorem to find sums of series

Know how to solve completely equations of the form  $z^n - a - ib = 0$ , giving special attention to cases where a = 1 and b = 0

Use complex roots of unity to solve geometric problems

Evaluate improper integrals

Understand and evaluate the mean value of a function

Integrate rational functions using trigonometric substitutions

Integrate using partial fractions

Understand and use the method of differences to sum finite series

Find and use higher derivatives of functions

Know how to express functions as an infinite series in ascending powers using Maclaurin series expansion

Be able to find the series expansions of compound functions

Find volumes of revolution around the x-axis

Find volumes of revolution around the y-axis

Find the volumes of revolution for curves defined parametrically

Model real-life applications of volumes of revolution

Solve first-order differential equations using an integrating factor

Solve second-order homogeneous differential equations using the auxiliary equation

Solve second-order non-homogeneous differential equations using the complimentary function and the particular integral

Find particular solutions to differential equations using given boundary conditions

# Decision (if taken as an option)

Use and understand an algorithm given in words

Understand how flow charts can be used to describe algorithms

Carry out a bubble sort

Carry out a quick sort

Carry out the three bin-packing algorithms and understand their strengths and weaknesses

Determine the order of an algorithm

Know how graphs and networks can be used to create mathematical models

Be familiar with basic terminology used in graph theory

Know some special types of graph

Understand how graphs and networks can be represented using matrices

Use the planarity algorithm to determine whether or not a given graph is planar

Use Kruskal's algorithm to find a minimum spanning tree

Use Prim's algorithm on a network to find a minimum spanning tree

Apply Prim's algorithm to a distance matrix

Use Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest path between two vertices in a network

Use Floyd's algorithm

Use the orders of nodes to determine whether a graph is Eulerian, semi-Eulerian or neither

Use the route inspection (Chinese postman) algorithm to find the shortest route in a network

Use the route inspection algorithm in networks with more than four odd nodes

Explain the differences between the classical and practical problems

Use a minimum spanning tree method to find an upper bound

Use a minimum spanning tree method to find a lower bound

Use the nearest neighbour algorithm to find an upper bound

## Mechanics (if taken as an option)

Calculate the momentum of a particle and the impulse of a force

Solve problems involving collisions using the principles of conservation of momentum

Use the impulse-momentum principle and the principle of conservation of momentum in vector form

Calculate the work done by a force when its point of application moves

Calculate the kinetic energy of a moving particle and the potential energy of a particle

Use the principle of conservation of mechanical energy and the work-energy principle

Calculate the power developed by an engine

Use Hooke's law to solve equilibrium problems involving elastic strings or springs

Use Hooke's law to solve dynamics problems involving elastic strings or springs

Find the energy stored in an elastic string or spring

Solve problems involving elastic energy using the principle of conservation of mechanical energy and the work-energy principle

## Statistics (if taken as an option)

Find the expected value of a discrete random variable X

Find the expected value of  $X^2$ 

Find the variance of a discrete random variable

Use the expected value and variance of a function of X

Solve problems involving random variables

Use the Poisson distribution to model real-world situations

Use the additive property of the Poisson distribution

Understand and use the mean and variance of the Poisson distribution

Understand and use the mean and variance of the binomial distribution

Use the Poisson distribution as an approximation to the binomial distribution

Understand and use the geometric distribution

Calculate and use the mean and variance of the geometric distribution

Understand and use the negative binomial distribution

Calculate and use the mean and variance of the negative binomial distribution

Use hypothesis tests to test for the mean  $\lambda$  of a Poisson distribution

Find critical regions of a Poisson distribution using tables

Use hypothesis tests to test for the parameter *p* in a geometric distribution

Find critical regions of a geometrical distribution

Understand and apply the central limit theorem to approximate the sample mean of a random variable,  $\overline{X}$  Apply the central limit theorem to other distributions

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# Spring Term

## **Topics:**

## **Core Pure**

Polar coordinates, Hyperbolic functions, Modelling with differential equations

## Decision (if taken as an option)

Linear programming, The simplex algorithm, Critical path analysis

# Mechanics (if taken as an option)

Elastic collisions in one dimension, Elastic collisions in two dimensions

## Statistics (if taken as an option)

Chi-squared tests, Probability generating functions, Quality of tests

## Skills:

### **Core Pure**

Understand and use polar coordinates

Convert between polar and Cartesian coordinates

Sketch curves with r given as a function of  $\theta$ 

Find the area enclosed by a polar curve

Find tangents parallel to, or at right angles to, the initial line

Understand the definitions of hyperbolic functions

Sketch the graphs of hyperbolic functions

Understand and use the inverse hyperbolic functions

Prove identities and solve equations using hyperbolic functions

Differentiate and integrate hyperbolic functions

Model real-life situations with first-order differential equations

Use differential equations to model simple harmonic motion

Model damped and forced oscillations using differential equations

Model real-life situations using coupled first-order differential equations

# Decision (if taken as an option)

Formulate a problem as a linear programming problem

Illustrate a two-variable linear programming problem graphically

Locate the optimal point in a feasible region using the objective line (ruler) method

Use the vertex testing method to locate the optimal point

Determine solutions that need integer values

Understand and use slack and surplus variables

Solve maximising and minimising linear programming problems using simplex tableaux

Use the simplex tableau method to solve linear programming problems requiring integer solutions

Understand and use the two-stage simplex method for maximising and minimising problems which may include  $\leq$  and  $\geq$  constraints

Understand and use the Big-M method for maximising and minimising problems which may include  $\leq$  and  $\geq$  constraints

Model a project by an activity network using precedence table

Use dummy activities

Identify and calculate early and late event times in activity networks

Identify critical activities

Calculate the total float of an activity

Calculate and use Gantt (cascade) charts

Construct resource histograms

Construct scheduling diagrams

# Mechanics (if taken as an option)

Solve problems involving the direct impact of two particles by using the principle of conservation of momentum and Newton's law of restitution

Apply Newton's law of restitution to problems involving the direct collision of a particle with a smooth plane surface

Find the change in energy due to an impact or the application of an impulse

Solve problems involving successive direct impacts

Solve problems involving the oblique impact of a smooth sphere with a fixed surface

Solve problems involving the oblique impact of two smooth spheres

Solve problems involving successive oblique impacts of a sphere with smooth plane surfaces

# Statistics (if taken as an option)

Form hypotheses about how well a distribution fits as a model for an observed frequency distribution and measure goodness of fit of a model to observed data

Understand degrees of freedom and use the chi-squared  $(\chi^2)$  family of distributions

Be able to test a hypothesis

Apply goodness-of-fit tests to discrete data

Use contingency tables

Apply goodness-of-fit tests to geometric distributions

Understand the use of probability generating functions

Use probability generating functions for standard distributions

Use probability generating functions to find the mean and variance of a distribution

Know the probability generating function of the sum of independent random variables

Know about Type I and Type II errors

Find Type I and Type II errors using the normal distribution

Calculate the size and power of a test

Draw a graph of the power function for a test

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## Summer Term

The summer term is used to consolidate all the knowledge and skills acquired in the course and prepare students for the final examinations.