



**St George's School**  
**Further Mathematics**  
**KS5 Curriculum**

<p><b>PREREQUISITE KNOWLEDGE &amp; SKILLS</b>  <i>The foundations needed to thrive in this subject.</i></p>	<p><b>Who should study this subject?</b>          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.</p> <p><b>Key Skills developed during KS4:</b>          As per A Level Mathematics</p> <p><b>St George's course entry requirements:</b>          In addition to the entry requirement for sixth form, a <b>grade 7</b> or above in Mathematics. Please note that Mathematics and Further Mathematics can only be taken <b>together</b> with <b>2 other</b> A Level courses.</p>
<p><b>QUALIFICATION</b>  <i>Exam Board, aims and objectives.</i></p>	<p><b>A Level Further Mathematics OCR H245</b>  <a href="https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/further-mathematics-a-h235-h245-from-2017/">https://www.ocr.org.uk/qualifications/as-and-a-level/further-mathematics-a-h235-h245-from-2017/</a></p>
<p><b>ASSESSMENT</b>  <i>Internal monitoring and final assessment.</i></p>	<p><b>Internal Assessment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pure Core Mathematics: Internal checkpoints are taken at regular intervals, 2 or 3 topics at a time.</li> <li>• Discrete/Mechanics/Statistics: Internal checkpoints are taken when the AS Level material has been completed.</li> <li>• January Year 13: Mock examinations</li> </ul> <p><b>Final assessment:</b>          4 x 90 minute examinations taken at the end of the course:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mandatory Pure Core (50%): Pure Core 1 &amp; Pure Core 2</li> <li>• Option 1 (25%): Discrete Mathematics</li> <li>• Option 2 (25%): Mechanics <b>or</b> Statistics</li> </ul>
<p><b>ENRICHMENT</b>  <i>Trips &amp; Visits, wider reading, etc.</i></p>	<p><b>Visits and Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Senior Maths Challenge</li> <li>• Maths Team Challenge</li> <li>• University of Hertfordshire Problem Solving Workshops</li> </ul> <p><b>Wider reading:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Books by Marcus du Sautoy, Rob Eastaway, Hannah Fry, Simon Singh and Ian Stewart</li> <li>• Podcasts including More or Less, Infinite Monkey Cage, Curious Cases of Rutherford and Fry</li> </ul> <p>There are various websites which are useful for wider reading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="http://www.cut-the-rope.org/">http://www.cut-the-rope.org/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://plus.maths.org/content/">https://plus.maths.org/content/</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>NEXT STEPS</b>  <i>Where this subject can take you.</i></p>	<p><b>Related University Courses:</b>          As per A Level Mathematics. In addition, students following degree courses in Mathematics and/or Engineering would find Further Mathematics particularly useful.</p> <p><b>Career Paths:</b>          As per A Level Mathematics.</p>

**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	
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Students will follow the Year 12 Mathematics course
<b>Spring Term</b>	Students will follow the Year 13 Mathematics course
<b>Summer Term</b>	<p><b>Topics:</b></p> <p><b>Pure Core</b> Matrices and their Applications; Complex Numbers; and Further Vectors</p> <p><b>Skills:</b>            Adding, subtracting and performing scalar multiplication with conformable matrices            Learning about zero and identity matrices and their significance            Calculating the determinant of a <math>2 \times 2</math> or <math>3 \times 3</math> matrix            Finding and interpreting the inverse of a <math>2 \times 2</math> or <math>3 \times 3</math> matrix, where one exists            Writing an equation of a straight line in 3 dimensions, using both vectors and coordinates            Finding the intersection point of 2 lines            Calculating an angle between 2 vectors or 2 straight lines (using a scalar product)            Deciding whether 2 lines are parallel or perpendicular            Finding a line that is perpendicular to 2 given lines (using a vector product)            Solving problems involving distances between points and lines            Using matrices to solve sets of simultaneous equations            Interpreting matrices as linear transformations in 2 and 3 dimensions            Finding a matrix representing a combined transformation            Finding invariant points and invariant lines of a linear transformation            Learning about a new set of numbers called the complex numbers            Performing arithmetic with complex numbers            Understanding why complex roots of real polynomials occur in conjugate pairs            Representing complex numbers in an Argand diagram            Appreciating how arithmetic with complex numbers can be interpreted as geometric transformations            Representing equations and inequalities with complex numbers graphically</p> <p><b>Assessment:</b>            Work will be submitted regularly to assess understanding            Checkpoints are taken at regular intervals, 2 or 3 topics at a time</p>

## Year 13

### Autumn Term

#### Topics:

##### Pure Core

Roots of polynomials; Mathematical Induction; Series; Powers and Roots of Complex Numbers; Complex Numbers and Trigonometry; Lines and Planes in Space; Simultaneous Equations and Planes; Hyperbolic Functions; and Polar Coordinates

##### Discrete

Graphs and Networks; Algorithms; Network Algorithms; and Decision Making in Project Management

##### Mechanics (if taken as an option)

Work/Energy/Power; Dimensional Analysis; Momentum and Collisions; Circular Motion; and Centres of Mass

##### Statistics (if taken as an option)

Counting Principles and Probability; Discrete Random Variables; Poisson Distribution; Non-Parametric Hypothesis Tests; Correlation and Regression; and Chi-Squared Tests

#### Skills:

##### Pure Core

Factorising polynomials and solving equations that may have complex roots

Learning a useful link between the roots of a polynomial and its coefficients

Using substitutions to solve more complicated equations

Using the principle of induction to prove whether patterns continue forever

Applying this principle of induction to matrices, number theory, inequalities, sequences, series and differentiation

Adapting the method to solve problems in a range of other contexts

Using given results for the sums of integers, squares and cubes to find expressions for sums of other series

Using a technique called the method of differences to find an expression for the sum of  $n$  terms of a series

Using the expression for the sum of the first  $n$  terms to determine whether an infinite series converges and find its limit

Raising complex numbers to integer powers (de Moivre's theorem)

Working with complex exponents

Finding roots of complex numbers

Using roots of unity

Finding quadratic factors of polynomials

Using a relationship between complex number multiplication and geometric transformations

Using de Moivre's theorem to derive trigonometric identities

Finding sums of some trigonometric series

Finding the equation of a plane in several different forms

Finding intersections between lines and planes

Calculating angles between lines and planes

Calculating the distances between objects in 3-dimensional space

Identifying different geometrical configurations of 2 or 3 planes

Determining whether a set of simultaneous equations has a unique solution, no solutions or infinitely many solutions

Using simultaneous equations to determine the geometrical configuration of 3 planes

Defining the hyperbolic functions  $\sinh x$ ,  $\cosh x$ ,  $\tanh x$

Drawing the graphs of the hyperbolic functions, showing their domain and ranges

Writing the inverse hyperbolic functions in terms of logarithms

Defining the reciprocal hyperbolic functions  $\operatorname{sech} x$ ,  $\operatorname{cosech} x$ ,  $\operatorname{coth} x$

Solving equations and prove identities involving hyperbolic functions

Differentiating hyperbolic functions

Using polar coordinates to represent curves

Establishing various properties of curves

Converting between polar and cartesian equations of a curve

Finding the area enclosed by a polar curve, or between 2 curves

##### Discrete

Partitioning a set

Using the pigeonhole principle

Enumerating arrangements and selections  
Using the inclusion-exclusion principle  
Learning the terminology of graphs and networks (including isomorphism, planarity, digraph)  
Learning about some special types of graph  
Using graphs and networks to model problems  
Using an algorithmic approach  
Tracing through an algorithm  
Measuring efficiency and complexity of an algorithm  
Interpreting the order of an algorithm  
Applying sorting algorithms  
Packing items into bins efficiently  
Solving problems requiring the least weight path between 2 vertices  
Solving problems involving a minimum spanning tree for a network  
Solving problems requiring a least weight cycle through every vertex in a network  
Finding the least weight route around a network that uses every arc  
Constructing and interpreting activity networks  
Carrying out critical path analysis  
Calculating and interpreting float  
Constructing a cascade chart and dealing with scheduling restrictions

### **Mechanics (if taken as an option)**

Calculating the work done by a force, and kinetic energy  
Using the work-energy principle  
Equating gravitational potential energy to work done against gravity  
Performing calculations using power  
Understanding the concept of dimensions  
Using the language and symbols of dimensional analysis  
Understanding the connections between units and dimensions  
Checking the validity of a formula by using dimensional considerations  
Predicting formulae by using dimensional analysis  
Understanding momentum and impulse in mathematical terms with units  
Understanding that linear momentum is conserved in a collision between objects that are free to move  
Understanding that impulse on a body is equal to the change in momentum  
Understanding Newton's experimental law for collisions  
Analysing and solving problems involving simple collisions in a straight line  
Analysing and solving problems involving simple cases of connected particles  
Modelling the motion of a particle moving in a horizontal circular path at a constant speed  
Linking linear and angular speed of a particle moving in a horizontal circular path  
Finding the acceleration and forces acting on a particle moving in a horizontal circular path  
Solving problems relating to motion in a horizontal circular path  
Working with a particle moving in a circle with variable speed  
Modelling the motion of a particle moving in a circle in a vertical plane  
Using the principle of conservation of mechanical energy to solve problems involving a particle moving in a vertical circle  
Finding the centre of mass of arrangements of particles, uniform rods and symmetrical uniform laminas  
Finding the centres of mass of 2 and 3 dimensional objects of standard shapes  
Finding centres of mass of composite bodies, including bent wires  
Calculating the work done by a variable force  $f(x)$  when displacement is along the x-axis  
Understanding and using Hooke's law for elastic strings and springs  
Calculating the work done extending an elastic string  
Calculating the work done extending or compressing an elastic spring  
Including elastic potential energy in problems involving conservation of energy  
Using vectors to calculate work done, kinetic energy and power

### **Statistics (if taken as an option)**

Breaking down complicated questions into parts that are easier to count, and then combining them together  
Counting the number of ways to permute a set of objects  
Counting the number of ways you can choose objects from a group  
Applying these tools to problems involving probabilities  
Calculating the mean and variance of a discrete random variable  
Appreciating how a linear transformation of the variable changes the mean and variance  
Using the formulae for expectation and variance of a special distribution called the uniform distribution  
Recognising when it is appropriate to use a uniform distribution

Using the formula for expectation and variance of the binomial distribution  
 Finding probabilities, expectation and variance of the geometric distribution  
 Recognising when it is appropriate to use a geometric distribution  
 Identifying the conditions required for a Poisson distribution to model a situation  
 Using the Poisson formula and calculate Poisson probabilities  
 Calculating the mean, variance and standard deviation of a Poisson variable  
 Using the distribution of the sum of independent Poisson distributions  
 Recognising non-parametric hypothesis tests and select an appropriate test  
 Performing a single-sample sign test and a single-sample Wilcoxon signed-rank test  
 Performing a paired-sample sign test, a Wilcoxon matched-pairs signed-rank test and a Wilcoxon rank-sum test  
 Performing the Wilcoxon signed-rank test and the rank-sum test using a normal approximation  
 Calculating the value of Pearson's product moment correlation coefficient  
 Calculating the value of Spearman's rank correlation coefficient and identify when it is appropriate to use it  
 Conducting hypothesis tests on correlation coefficients  
 Using linear regression to find the equation of a line of best fit  
 Checking if 2 factors are independent  
 Using Yates' correction when required  
 Checking if data comes from a population with proportions  
 Checking if data comes from a known distribution

**Assessment:**

Work will be submitted regularly to assess understanding  
 Checkpoints will be completed at the end of the AS element of the course  
 Checkpoints are taken at regular intervals depending on the subject area, 2 or 3 topics at a time

**Spring Term**

**Topics:**

**Pure Core**

Further Calculus Techniques; Applications of Calculus; Differential Equations; and Applications of Differential Equations

**Discrete**

Graphical Linear Programming; The Simplex Algorithm; Game Theory

**Mechanics (if taken as an option)**

Linear Motion Under a Variable Force; Momentum and Collisions; Circular Motion; and Centres of Mass

**Statistics (if taken as an option)**

Continuous Distributions; Combining Random Variables; Further Hypothesis Tests; and Confidence Intervals

**Skills:**

**Pure Core**

Differentiating inverse trigonometric and inverse hyperbolic functions  
 Reversing the above results to find integrals of specific forms  
 Using trigonometric and hyperbolic substitutions to find similar integrals  
 Integrating using partial fractions with a quadratic expression in the denominator  
 Finding finite series expansions (called Maclaurin series) of functions  
 Using given results to find the Maclaurin series of more complicated functions  
 Understanding for which values of  $x$  these series are valid  
 Finding the value of definite integrals in certain case where a limiting process is required (improper integrals)  
 Finding the volume of a shape by rotating a curve around the  $x$ -axis or the  $y$ -axis  
 Finding the mean value of a function  
 Understanding and use the language associated with differential equations  
 Solving differential equations given in specific forms  
 Using substitutions to turn differential equations into the required form  
 Using differential equations in modelling, in kinematics and in other contexts  
 Solving the equation for simple harmonic motion and relating the solution to the motion  
 Modelling damped oscillations using second order differential equations and interpreting their solution  
 Solving coupled first order differential equations and using them to model situations with 2 dependent variables

**Discrete**

Formulating linear programming problems

Using slack variables

Working with constraints

Solving linear programming problems with 2 variables graphically and interpreting solutions

Using branch-and-bound for integer programming problems

Using a simplex tableau

Understanding the meaning of the terms basic and non-basic in the context of solving linear programming problems

Understanding iterations of the simplex algorithm geometrically and algebraically

Identifying a zero-sum game and understanding how games that are not zero-sum are represented

Understanding strict dominance and weak dominance

Finding play-safe strategies and understanding what they represent

Understanding what a stable solution means

Finding optimal mixed strategies for games that do not have stable solutions

Finding a Nash equilibrium and what it represents

**Mechanics (if taken as an option)**

Solving equations of motion of a particle when the velocity is given as function of displacement

Solving equations of motion of a particle when the acceleration is a function of velocity or displacement

Using connected rates of change to solve linear motion problems

Setting up and solving problems which can be modelled as linear motion of a particle acting under a variable force

Finding the impulse of a variable force

Applying the principles of impulse, conservation of momentum and Newton's experimental law in 2 dimensions using vector notation

Calculating the result of oblique impacts

Working with the radial and tangential components of the acceleration of a particle moving in a circle

Solving problems involving moving particles where only the part of their path is a vertical circle

Using integration to find centres of mass of rods of variable density, uniform laminae and uniform solids of revolution

Applying knowledge of centres of mass to problems of equilibrium, including suspension of a lamina and toppling or sliding of a lamina acted on by several forces

**Statistics (if taken as an option)**

Describing probabilities of continuous variables

Calculating expected statistics of continuous variables

Calculating expected statistics of functions of continuous variables

Converting between the probability density function  $f(x)$  and the cumulative distribution function

Finding the median and quartiles

Using probability distributions - the continuous uniform and the exponential

Using the cumulative distribution function to find the distribution of the function of a random variable

Finding the mean and variance of the sum of two independent random variables

Applying these ideas to making predictions about the average or the sum of a sample

Learning about the distribution of linear combinations of normal variables

Learning about the distribution of the sum or average of many observations from any distribution

Being aware of more situations where the normal distribution can be used in hypothesis testing

Estimating an interval that a population parameter lies in (confidence interval)

**Assessment:**

Work will be submitted regularly to assess understanding

Checkpoints are taken at regular intervals, 2 or 3 topics at a time

January: Mock examinations

**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.