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Year 12 Route 1

Timing	Unit Title	Key Question	Knowledge	Assessing Understanding
Autumn 1	Pure Algebra and functions	Can you solve, linear, quadratic and simultaneous equations and inequalities? Can you simplify surds and indices?	 Extending the algebra covered at GCSE with particular reference to indices, factorising and surds. Solving of quadratic equations – from a variety of starting points. 	How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to: Carry out mathematical techniques. Problem solving using the knowledge and techniques they have gained.
		What does the discriminant tell us? Can you represent inequalities on a graph?		 Skills Numerical Algebraic, particularly solving equations and carrying out simple proofs. Sketching graphs
	Straight line graphs	Can you confidently sketch straight line graphs? How do you find the equation of a straight line?	 Straight line graph problem solving Be able to find the length of a line segment, midpoint of a line, area of a triangle 	Assessment point information The pure, mechanics and statistics lessons run side by side and all assessment is by
	Algebraic methods	Can you simplify algebraic fractions? Can you use long division in algebra? How do we use the factor theorem?	 Add, subtract, multiply, divide and simplify algebraic fractions Factorise cubics using the factor theorem and algebraic long division. Carry out simple algebraic proofs – deduction, exhaustion and counter 	using Exam standard questions on the topics studied either as homework or tests.
		Can you construct a well-reasoned proof?	example.	

	Graph transformations	Can you confidently sketch quadratic, cubic, quartic and reciprocal graphs? How are curve transformations applied to a range of functions?	 Sketching quadratic, cubic, quartic and reciprocal graphs Understanding the effects of graph transformations 	
Autumn 2	Statistics Measures of locations and spread	Can you make interpretations about data based on measures of location and spread? Can you apply coding techniques?	 Build on GCSE knowledge of measures of locations and spread Calculate variance and standard deviation Understand and use coding techniques 	How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to:
	Representations of data	Can you compare sets of data using a variety of statistical techniques?	 Identify outliers Be able to draw and interpret box plots, cumulative frequency diagrams and histograms 	 Algebraic particularly solving equations and carrying out simple proofs. Sketching graphs
	Correlation	What is meant by an outlier? Can you interpret scatter diagrams and regression lines?	 Recognise explanatory and response variables. Interpretation of correlation and regression. Be able to clean data – deal with missing data, errors and outliers. 	Assessment point information The pure, mechanics and statistics lessons run side by side and all assessment is by using Exam standard questions on the topics studied either as homework or tests.

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	Mechanics Modelling in mechanics Constant acceleration	Can you interpret a model? Can you apply SUVAT equations?	 Correct mechanics terminology. Modelling of simple real-life situations. Learn and apply the SUVAT equations. Draw and/or interpret speed/time graphs. Solve problems involving vertical motion under gravity 	
Spring 1	Pure Differentiation	What is differentiation used for? Can you apply the rules of differentiation?	 The basic differentiation rules Use differentiation to find the equation of tangents, normals and locate stationary points. Find and use the second derivative. 	How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to: Carry out mathematical techniques. Problem solving using the knowledge and techniques they have gained.
	The binomial expansion	Can you carry out a binomial expansion?	 Binomial expansion for positive integer powers. Familiarisation with Pascal's Triangle and nCr notation is needed. 	Skills Numerical Algebraic particularly solving equations and carrying out simple proofs. Sketching graphs
	Vectors	Do you know the definition of a vector? Can you +,- and carry out scalar multiplications. Can you solve geometric problems using vectors?	 Position vectors, calculate a vector that runs between two given points. Find the distance between two points. Use ratio theorem to find the position vector of a point which divides a line in a given ratio. Apply theory to a variety of geometric problems. 	Assessment point information The pure, mechanics and statistics lessons run side by side and all assessment is by using Exam standard questions on the topics studied either as homework or tests.

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Statistics	Forces & motion 1	Can you draw a force diagram? Do you understand Newton's 3 laws and how they can be applied to a simple set of forces acting on a particle? Can you use a Venn Diagram or a Tree Diagram to solve a probability problem?	 Force diagrams, equilibrium, including vector notation. Find a resultant force F=ma Know how Venn diagrams and Tree diagrams are used and which is the best method to use for different types of questions. Understand the terms mutually exclusive and independent 	
	Exponentials and logarithms	Do you understand how differentiation and integration are linked? Can you apply the rule of integration to find an area? What is the difference between a definite and indefinite integral? Can you sketch the a ^x , e ^x and log functions? Do you know how to apply the rules of logs?	 Using the fundamental rules for integrating functions such as xⁿ. Using dy/dx and f'(x) notation. Integrating a gradient function to find the original function. Using integration to find the area under a curve. Know the graphs of a variety of exponential and log/In functions. Be able to solve equations which contain these type of functions. Use exponentials to model real life situations such as compound interest and radioactive decay. 	How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to:

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Trigonometric equations and identities	Can you find all of the solutions to a trig equation?	 Solve trig equations using the quadrant diagram Exact trig ratios sin²θ + cos²θ = 1 tan θ = sin θ / cos θ Solve trig equations involving identities 	using: Exam standard questions on the topics studied either as homework or test
Mechanics Forces & motion 2	Can you apply Newton's Laws to increasingly complex problems?	 Solve problems involving connected particles, pulley systems. 	
Statistics Statistical distributions	Can you calculate probabilities from a discrete uniform distribution and from a binomial distribution?	 Deal with discrete distributions finding probabilities, mean and variance. With particular reference to the binomial distribution. 	
Hypothesis testing	Do you know the terminology used in hypothesis testing? How do we carry out one and two tailed tests?	 Be able to carry out a statistical hypothesis test for the proportion in a binomial distribution. Understand that a sample is being used to make an inference about a population. 	
Data Collection	Why is sampling used and what are the different methods?	 Appreciate what is meant by significance level. Understand how each sampling method works and be able to compare them. Be able to sample from the large exam data set. 	

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Summer	Pure Circles	Can you find the equation of a circle? Can you use tangent and chord properties to solve geometrical problems?	 Equation of a circle Find midpoints, perpendicular bisectors, points of intersection 	How understanding is assessed Students will be assessed on their ability to: Carry out mathematical techniques. Problem solving using the knowledge and techniques they have gained.
	Trigonometry	What is the 'special case' of the sine rule? Can you sketch all trig functions and apply transformations to them?	 Solve triangle problems using the sine and cosine rules Graphs and transformations of trig functions 	 Skills Numerical Algebraic particularly solving equations and carrying out simple proofs. Sketching graphs
	Mechanics Variable acceleration	How is calculus used to deal with variable acceleration?	 Solve kinematics problems using differentiation and integration. 	Assessment point information The pure, mechanics and statistics lessons run side by side and all assessment is by using Exam standard questions on the topics studied either as homework or tests.

We often start to teach Year 2 pure topics after the end of year exams (e.g. Algebraic methods, Radians, Sequences and series)