Numeracy across the curriculum



What is mathematics?

Mathematics is all around us. It is beautiful and relevant.

The consistency and intrinsic truth of mathematics reflect the nature of God.

Mathematics teaches a depth and rigour of thinking and communicating that is not found in any other discipline, and is essential for all aspects of life.

Through mathematics we learn to appreciate structure and pattern, to connect the unconnected and to solve and explain challenging problems.

What is numeracy?

A 'number sense' giving the ability to cope with the mathematical demands of further education, employment and adult life, which includes:

- The ability to carry out basic calculations efficiently and accurately, either mentally or with pencil and paper as appropriate.
- The ability to apply knowledge of number to both familiar and new circumstances and to use it in the solution of problems, including those involving percentages, ratio and proportion.
- The ability to understand and use units of measurement of length, mass, capacity and time.
- The ability to understand and use information presented in graphs, tables and charts.

Aims of the policy

- Maintain high standards of numeracy across the school
- Make use of opportunities to include numeracy in the teaching of all subjects
- Help students to retain and transfer knowledge between subjects

WAVES tool for staff planning:

Working out

Working out for calculations should **always** be shown.

Approach

Many subject areas share common mathematical methods. Common approaches at All Saints are described in the attachment.

Vocabulary

Mathematical vocabulary is precise and rigorously defined. It should be used carefully to avoid misinterpretation and confusion with the same or similar words used elsewhere.

Estimation

Errors are commonly made when students fail to check the 'reasonableness' of their answer in the context of the question. For example, calculating 170m for the height of an adult and writing it down with no consideration that they have used the wrong unit.

Scientific calculator

This is a requirement for both tiers of GCSE mathematics and students are expected to have their own calculator in school. They can be bought from school.

Q: Find 28% of £355 A: 355 × 0.28 = 99.4 = £99.40 7 Write this down even if you typed it into a calculator!

Vocabulary and	language
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	Mathematics interpretation	Other interpretation
Evaluate	Work out the numerical value	Consider evidence for and against
Compare	Use <, = or > to compare two values	Describe similarities and differences
Simplify	Collect terms or cancel down	Explain using less complex language
Translate	Move a shape laterally with no rotation	Write in a different language
	or reflection	
Show that	Use mathematical arguments and	
	working out to prove the validity of a	
	mathematical statement	

Similar	Two or more shapes with the same angles and sides in proportion	Having some properties in common
Product	The result of a multiplication	An item

Correct use of the 'equals' symbol

It is *incorrect* to write $3 + 2 = 5 \times 10 = 50$

'=' means '**is equal to**' and 3 + 2 is definitely not equal to 5×10 Instead, write as one full calculation: $(3 + 2) \times 10 = 50$

Order of operations

 $3 + 2 \times 10 = 50$ is *incorrect*.

 $3 + 2 \times 10 = 23$ is *correct*.

Multiplication (and division) take precedence over addition (and subtraction). Brackets must be used to prioritise calculations if necessary.

Language

The digit **0** is read 'zero' not 'oh'. '**705**' is 'seven hundred and five' not 'seven oh five'

Averages

The (arithmetic) **mean** of a discrete set of values is equal to the sum of the values divided by the count of the values. In maths, we also use **median** and **mode** as different types of 'average' or 'measures of central tendency'.

Using a scientific calculator

Knowledge of the 'S↔D' button to convert between Rational/Exact/Surd and Decimal forms.

Standard form

Use of calculator in standard form calculations: preferable to ignore the ' $x10^{n'}$ button and just type in the expressions using the usual power button.

Note that answers will not necessarily be given in standard form (by which we mean $A \times 10^{n}$ where $1 \le A < 10$) but can be converted to powers which are multiples of 3 by using the 'ENG' button.



Proportion and Ratio

[Science, Geography, DT, Art] Proportion is a theme intrinsically present in all kinds of everyday numerical relationships. A **proportion table** shows the relationship between variables clearly, and allows for a **unitary method** to be used.



E.g. My average speed is 48mph.

Work out the distance I could travel in three hours and 25 minutes.

Note: 48mph means 48 miles travelled in 60 minutes

Note: three hours and 25 minutes is $3 \times 60 + 25 = 205$ minutes



This method works for any compound measure (e.g. density: mass and volume are proportional). Formulas can also be used (and formula triangles as an *aide memoir*), however the proportional method is versatile when considering more complex numbers and units. When performing calculations with ratios, a bar-model method is used to illustrate the ratio - this often makes the ratio much easier to understand.



E.g. Ian and Shelley share money in the ratio 4 : 7. Shelley gets £60 more than Ian. How much do they each get?

This time the quantity isn't representative of the whole ratio...



Percentages

[Science, Geography, Business Studies] We use **decimal multipliers** to calculate with percentages. 25% = 0.25 (note that finding 25% is equivalent to reducing by 75%) 108% = 1.08 (which is equivalent to increasing by 8%)

$$108\% = \frac{108}{100} = 1.08$$

Calculating a percentage of an amount [Y7]

Find 20% of \$5600	Find 8% of 35
0.2 × 5600	0.08 × 35

Increasing or decreasing by a percentage [Y9]

Decrease £350 by 10%	Increase £15900 by 2.5%
350 × 0.9	15900 × 1.025

Finding the percentage change [Y9]

Bob's salary increases from £24900 to £25690. Find the percentage increase.

24900 multiplied by k 25690

 $24900 \times k = 25690$ 25690

$$k = \frac{23070}{24900} = 1.03172 \dots$$

which is 103.172...%

equivalent to an increase of <u>3.2%</u> (rounded to 1d.p.)

You can use the formula on the right to calculate percentage change. This is probably easier in itself, but does not promote the links to other percentage calculations that we need students to develop.

 $\frac{difference}{original} \times 100$

Link to proportion

An alternative approach to the question above



Graphs and charts

[Science, Geography, Business Studies]

Graphs showing algebraic or proportional relationships [Y10] These types of graph are fundamentally different from those used to display data and those with an element of randomness. These are vitally important in mathematics. See later section.

Examples: Plot the graph of $y = x^2 - 3x$ Conversion graphs (e.g. £/\$) Distance-time graphs

Dollars (\$) $\begin{bmatrix} 10\\ 8\\ 6\\ 4\\ 2\\ 0\\ 0\\ 1\\ 2\\ 3\\ 4\\ 5\\ 6\\ 7\\ Pounds (£) \end{bmatrix}$

Scatter graphs [Y9]

We would expect students to describe the **correlation** and use a line of best fit drawn by eye to **interpolate or extrapolate**.

There can be a link from a scatter graph to an algebraic graph through the line of best fit. In science, experimental data would usually be expected to fit a rule, with experimental errors meaning it is not a perfect fit.

Histograms [Y11] (higher tier) Frequency is proportional to **area**. Hence y-axis is **frequency density**. Bars can have unequal width.



Age (years)

Linear Graphs (y=mx+c)

[Science]

Gradient (slope) = $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{change in y}{change in x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ Definition: rate of change of y (with respect to x). In a proportional graph (of the form y=mx) the gradient is the rate multiplier between two variables E.g. in the £ and \$ graph on the previous page, the gradient $\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x}$ is the number of \$ per £1.

Maths GCSE problem:



Phone calls cost $\pounds y$ for x minutes.

The graph gives the values of y for values of x from 0 to 5

- (a) (i) Give an interpretation of the intercept of the graph on the y-axis.
 - (ii) Give an interpretation of the gradient of the graph.
- (b) Find the equation of the straight line in the form y = mx + c

Science GCSE problem:

(b) They collect the following results.

Force (N)	Extension (cm)
0.0	0.0
1.0	1.6
2.0	3.2
3.0	6.0
4.0	6.4
5.0	8.0

Circle the outlier in the results for extension.



(c) They start to plot a graph of their results.



Plot the remaining points, ignoring the outlier, and draw a line of best fit.

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(d) Using the data, calculate the spring constant of the spring when the force is 4.0 N.

Force exerted = extension x spring constant

Coordinates and grid references

[Geography] Grid reference 0172 refers to **the whole grid square** with the x at the bottom left. E.g. the trig point has (4-figure) grid ref 0172. (Eastings, Northings)

In mathematics the coordinate written (1, 72) refers only to *the individual point* marked x. (x-coordinate, y-coordinate)

The coordinate of the trig point is approx. (1.7, 72.7) The six figure grid reference is approx 017727

Using formulas

[Science] From infant school, students learn about related calculations: Given that $10 \times 3 = 30$, we know that $30 \div 10 = 3$ and $30 \div 3 = 10$

This *should* mean that manipulating D=MV is easy!

Science often remember formulas through a story. They use **a large number** of formulas – see formula sheet in appendix. Using the proportional approach is not always practical or intuitive.

Manipulate formulas and equations using a 'balance' method: do the same on both sides.

$$v = f\lambda$$

 $\div f \qquad \div f$ (show working out)
 $\frac{v}{f} = \lambda$



Pie charts

[Geography, Business Studies]

Constructing a pie chart [Y9] Use a proportion table and the unitary method, as shown in the proportion section, to calculate the correct angles needed.

Frequency		Angle
15		
18		
11		
44	1	360
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Apply the same calculations (\div 44, \times 360) to each of the frequencies.

This proportion table is 'horizontal' rather than 'vertical' as in the previous examples. It could be rotated to match up.

Interpreting a pie chart The pie charts show some information about the numbers of medals won by Germany and by the Russian Federation in the 2010 Winter Olympics.



The information above **does not** show that Germany won more gold medals than the Russian Federation. It only shows that the **proportion** of gold medals won by Germany was greater.

Proportion of gold medals won by Germany is $\frac{120}{360} = 33.33\%$ of their medal total. Proportion of gold medals won by Russian Federation is $\frac{72}{360} = 20\%$ of their medal total.

Written arithmetic (non-calculator methods)

Each approach has a standard algorithm (method) but also has models that support the understanding of the concept.

For **addition**, **subtraction and multiplication** the standard algorithm is the **column method**. When modelling, for consistency, put the carries on the 'doorstep' as indicated in the examples. Work from right to left.

For **division** the standard algorithm is **long division** with a 'bus stop'.

In primary school, students' understanding of all four operations is carefully built up from Early Years onwards, with the use of place value manipulatives and visual models to help.

7.1 Working with integers



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Important vocabulary		
Integer	A whole number	
Factor	Divides into an integer. The factors of 8 are 1, 2, 4 and 8	
Multiples	The 'times table' of a number. The multiples of 8 are 8, 16, 24, 32	
Square number	The product of a number with itself. The square of 6 is 36.	
Prime number	Has exactly two factors. 17 is prime (its factors are 1 and 17)	

Divisibility tests				
Divisor	Test			
2	Even number (ends in 0,2,4,6,8)			
3	Add the digits – multiple of 3?			
5	Ends in 0 or 5			
6	Is it divisible by both 2 and 3?			
9	Add the digits – multiple of 9?			
10	Ends in 0			

7.2 Decimals and metric measurement



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Algebraic Formulae

Solution to a quadratic equation of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{c}$

$$x = \frac{1}{2a}$$

Trigonometry and Pythagoras



Sine and Cosine Rule



Area of a triangle = $\frac{1}{2}$ a b sin C (two lengths and the included angle)

Statistical Formulae

To find the mean of n pieces of data: $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$

To find the mean from a grouped frequency table where x is the mid-interval value of a group and f the frequency of the group $\bar{x} = \frac{\sum fx}{\sum f}$

Appendix 2a: physics equations (memorise)

Equation number	Word equation	Symbol equation
1	weight = mass × gravitational field strength (g)	W = m g
2	work done = force × distance (along the line of action of the force)	W = F s
3	force applied to a spring = spring constant × extension	F = k e
4	moment of a force = force × distance (normal to direction of force)	M = F d
5	$pressure = \frac{force normal to a surface}{area of that surface}$	$p = \frac{F}{A}$
6	distance travelled = speed × time	s = v t
7	acceleration = change in velocity time taken	$a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$
8	resultant force = mass × acceleration	F = m a
9 HT	momentum = mass × velocity	p = m v
10	kinetic energy = $0.5 \times mass \times (speed)^2$	$E_k = \frac{1}{2}m v^2$
11	gravitational potential energy = mass × gravitational field strength (g) × height	$E_p = m g h$
12	power = $\frac{\text{energy transferred}}{\text{time}}$	$P = \frac{E}{t}$
13	power = work done time	$P = \frac{W}{t}$
14	efficiency = <u>useful output energy transfer</u> total input energy transfer	
15	efficiency = useful power output total power input	
16	wave speed = frequency × wavelength	$v = f \lambda$
17	charge flow = current × time	Q = I t
18	potential difference = current × resistance	V = I R
19	power = potential difference × current	P = V I
20	power = $(current)^2 \times resistance$	$P = I^2 R$
21	energy transferred = power × time	E = P t
22	energy transferred = charge flow × potential difference	E = Q V
23	density = mass_volume	$\rho = \frac{m}{V}$

Appendix 1b: physics equations (given)

Equation number	Word equation	Symbol equation
1 HT	pressure due to a column of liquid = height of column \times density of liquid \times gravitational field strength (g)	$p = h \rho g$
2	$(final velocity)^2 - (initial velocity)^2 = 2 \times acceleration \times distance$	$v^2 - u^2 = 2 a s$
3 HT	force = $\frac{\text{change in momentum}}{\text{time taken}}$	$F = \frac{m \Delta v}{\Delta t}$
4	elastic potential energy = $0.5 \times \text{spring constant} \times (\text{extension})^2$	$E_e = \frac{1}{2} k e^2$
5	change in thermal energy = mass × specific heat capacity × temperature change	$\Delta E = m c \ \Delta \theta$
6	period = $\frac{1}{\text{frequency}}$	
7	magnification = image height object height	
8 HT	force on a conductor (at right angles to a magnetic field) carrying a current = magnetic flux density × current × length	F = B I l
9	thermal energy for a change of state = mass × specific latent heat	E = m L
10 HT	potential difference across primary coil potential difference across secondary coil = number of turns in secondary coil	$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{n_p}{n_s}$
11 HT	potential difference across primary coil × current in primary coil = potential difference across secondary coil × current in secondary coil	$V_s I_s = V_p I_p$
12	For gases: pressure × volume = constant	p V = constant

Appendix 1c: biology equation (memorise)

magnification = $\frac{\text{size of image}}{\text{size of real object}}$

Appendix 1d: chemistry equations (memorise)

percentage atom economy = $\frac{\text{RFM of desired product}}{\text{Sum of RFMs of all reactants}} \times 100$

 $concentration of acid = \frac{vol of alkali \times concentration of alkali \times RFM acid}{vol of acid \times RFM alkali}$

Possibly more for biology and chemistry?

Appendix 2: questions for comparison

SCATTER GRAPH: MATHS

The scatter diagram shows information about advertising costs and revenue for a company.



- (a) Use the line of best fit to estimate the revenue for advertising costs of £600
- (b) Use the line of best fit to estimate the revenue for advertising costs of £6200
- (c) Which of these estimates is more reliable?

Give a reason for your answer.

y = mx + c: MATHS



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- (b) Find the equation of the straight line in the form y = mx + c

SCATTER GRAPH / y = mx + c: SCIENCE

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(d) Using the data, calculate the spring constant of the spring when the force is 4.0 N.

Force exerted = extension x spring constant

.....N/m [4]