

Year 7 Mathematics Curriculum Rationale

Year 7 learning is built upon the mathematical foundations established in Key Stage 2. All students work to develop a deep and connected understanding of Mathematics, develop procedural fluency and conceptual understanding in tandem and to develop fluent knowledge of key facts and techniques. All students are expected to practise, be resilient and persevere when approaching all areas of Mathematics.

Unit	Core knowledge/skill development:	Sequence	Assessment	Literacy, numeracy, PSHE, FBV, other links	ACP and VAA development:	Home learning and enrichment
Sequences	Recognise linear and non-linear sequences. Generate sequences from an algebraic rule. Technology is used to produce graphs to link linear and non linear to patterns.	This is an introduction to algebraic techniques and builds on the skills taught in year 6. Calculator skills are developed so that number skills are not a barrier to learning.	End of block assessment		Hardworking – Practice Linking- Connection finding Analysing - Critical or logical thinking.	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets. Challenges.
Algebraic notation	Using function machines with numbers and letters. Use and interpret algebraic notation. Understand and use inverse operations. Form and substitute into expressions. Represent functions graphically.	Students have been introduced to these skills at KS1 and KS2 with numbers. This progresses to use of letters for generalisation to develop a deep understanding of the basic algebraic forms. Extension of sequences to nth term rule.	End of block assessment		Linking - Connection finding Hardworking- Practice Realising- Automaticity Analysing - Critical or logical thinking.	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets. Challenges.



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Equality and Equivalence	Understand equivalence. Form and solve one step equations. Collect like terms.	This builds on the previous unit and will lead to more complex equations. Extending calculator use.	End of block assessment		Hardworking- Practice Analysing - Critical or logical thinking.	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets. Challenges.
Place value and ordering integers and decimals	Recognise and use place value to 1 billion. Recognise and use decimal place value. Find the range and median. Rounding including to significant figures.	This builds on KS2 work to place value 1 million and extends the number of decimal places. It looks at the decimal base system. Rounding moves on to significant figures and will lead to bounds and truncation.	End of block assessment		Hardworking- Practice	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets. Challenges. Including binary and standard index form.
Fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence.	Interchange between common decimals, fractions and percentages. Interpret pie charts. Equivalent fractions.	This builds on work done in KS2 and moves on to solving equations with fractional coefficients and extends sequences using fractions. It	End of block assessment		Linking – generalisation Hardworking- Practice Analysing- Complex and multi-step problem solving Analysing - Critical or logical thinking.	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets. Challenges.



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		also builds on the work done on decimals in the previous section and the focus is to develop a deep understanding of the links between FDP so that students can convert fluently between those most commonly seen in real life.				
Four operations	Application of addition and subtraction including money, perimeter, frequency trees and tables. Application of multiplication and division including area, mean, finding fractions and percentages of amounts. Using the order of operations correctly	This builds on the formal methods laid out in KS1 and 2 and leads to using a calculator correctly and working with negative numbers.	End of block assessment		Linking – Abstraction Hardworking- Practice Analysing – Critical or logical thinking Analysing –Precision Analysing- Complex and multi-step problem solving	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets. Challenges including standard form, HCF and LCM of algebraic expressions.
Directed number	Order directed number in	Students have had limited experience	End of block assessment		Linking – Connection finding	Mathswatch.



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	contextualised and	of directed number				Mymaths.
	abstract situations.	at primary school, so			Analysing – Precision	
	Revise four	this unit extends and				Worksheets.
	operations using	deepens their			Hardworking- Practice	
	negative numbers.	understanding. It				Challenges
	Using a calculator	also builds on work				
	with directed	with algebra and				
	numbers. Solve 2 step	four operations.				
	equations.	Includes inequality				
		number lines which				
		leads to truncation				
		and error intervals. It				
		revisits sequences,				
		substitution and				
		equations				
Fractional thinking	Converting mixed	This unit builds on			Hardworking- Practice	Mathswatch.
	numbers and	the Autumn term			Analysing –Precision	
	improper fractions.	study of key FDPs. It				Mymaths.
	Adding and	provides more				
	subtracting fractions.	experience of				Worksheets.
		equivalence and				
		introduces addition				Challenges.
		and subtraction of				
		fractions. Leading to				
		exploration of				
		fractions greater				
		than one.				
		Revisiting				
		substitution into				
		algebraic formula				



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		and forming and solving linear equations.				
Constructing, measuring and	Understand and use letters and labelling	Builds on KS2 skills using rulers,	End of block assessment		Analysing –Precision	Mathswatch.
using geometric notation	notation for lines and angles. Draw and	protractors and other measuring			Linking - Imagination	Mymaths.
notation	measure lines and	equipment to construct and			Hardworking- Practice	Worksheets.
	angles accurately. Classify angles. Identify and draw parallel and perpendicular lines. Recognise types of polygons Construct triangles using SSS, SAS and ASA Draw and interpret pie charts	construct and measure increasingly complex diagrams using correct mathematical notation. Pie charts are studied to gain further practice at drawing and measuring angles. Revisits work on four operations				Challenges
Develop geometric reasoning	Calculate and use angles at a point, straight line and vertically opposite.	This unit covers basic geometric language, introducing angle	End of block assessment		Creating – Flexible thinking Hardworking- Practice	Mathswatch. Mymaths.
	Calculate missing angles.	rules and investigating parallel			Creating – Intellectual playfulness	Worksheets.
		line rules.				Challenges



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		Revisits forming and solving linear equations and addition and subtraction.				Derive simple proofs using angle rules
Developing number sense	Mental arithmetic strategies, using known facts to derive other facts. Evaluate algebraic expressions given a related fact. Use of estimation.	Review and extension of mental strategies. Exploration of simplifying complex calculations. Extended into algebraic facts.	End of block assessment		Creating – Intellectual playfulness Realising – Automaticity Hardworking- Practice	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets. Challenges.
Sets and probability	Understand and use set notation. Draw and interpret Venn diagrams. Understand and use the language of probability. Calculate the probability of a single event. Use the sum of probabilities of an event is 1.	This unit revisits FDP equivalence. Students learn about sets, notation and systematic listing strategies. Revisits forming and solving equations and adding and subtracting fractions.	End of block assessment		Metathinking – Metacognition Hardworking- Practice Linking – Big picture thinking	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets. Challenges.
Prime numbers and proof	Recognise prime, square and triangle numbers. Express a number as a product of prime factors.	Revisits factors and multiples and extends to use of Venn diagrams to solve more complex	End of block assessment		Linking – Big picture thinking Linking – generalisation	Mathswatch. Mymaths. Worksheets.



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	Powers and roots. Make and test conjectures. Understand and use counter examples.	HCF and LCM problems. Use of types of number to form and test conjectures.			Linking – Abstraction Linking – Imagination Hardworking- Practice	Challenges.