

Dudley Academies Trust CURRICULUM INTENT STATEMENT Mathematics

Mathematics is a creative and highly interconnected discipline that has been developed over centuries, providing the solution to some of history's most intriguing problems. It is essential to everyday life, critical to science, technology and engineering, and necessary for financial literacy and most forms of employment.

We believe strongly in teaching for understanding and mastery of the subject. Our high quality mathematics education provides a foundation for understanding the world, the ability to reason mathematically, an appreciation of the beauty and power of mathematics, and a sense of enjoyment and curiosity about the subject. Learners also learn to apply their mathematical knowledge in Science, Geography, Computing and other subjects.

The Curriculum implementation is sequenced into distinct topics, but learners build on knowledge from Primary phases and connections across mathematical ideas to develop fluency, mathematical reasoning and competence in solving increasingly sophisticated problems.

Our GCSE map is structured so that Year 9 is an introduction and ensures that learners experience all content that appears on both tiers of entry at GCSE. By Year 10, learners will follow one of two routes on their learning journey, Foundation or Higher. Both the Foundation and Higher route builds on previously mastered topics where we retrieve, affirm and build on the knowledge and understanding as we progress through the curriculum.

As learners enter Year 11 they will follow a personalised scheme of learning that targets gaps in knowledge as identified by the thorough question level analysis (QLA) of each learner's performance in the frequent assessments that take place. This fully prepares them for success in their GCSE examination. Learners also learn to apply their mathematical knowledge in Science, Geography, Computing and other subjects.

Dreaming big	Rewarding effort	Leading together	Respecting each other and our world	Learning that inspires
Learners will be immersed in and ambitious, broad and balanced curriculum for all. It offers learners meaningful real life experiences that reject the idea that a large proportion of people 'just can't do maths', influenced by the Growth Mind-set theories. These elements will build a firm foundation in Mathematics that can be used to influence social mobility, providing access to Further and Higher Education, and a heightened sense of self efficacy.	Our curriculum will reward resilient learners with knowledge and skill development and further reinforce high aspirations. Rewards will be based on effort and progress but not limited by prior attainment. An emphasis on hard work, curiosity and perseverance will be celebrated to bolster academic achievements in line with the Trust behaviour policy.	Curriculum content is effectively delivered, in the main, through whole class interactive teaching, focusing on all learners working together on the same lesson content, allowing no learner to be left behind and reducing extraneous cognitive load in the process. We will ensure all learners understand what they are doing well and what they need to do to improve. In addition learners will be encouraged to communicate, justify, argue (and prove) using mathematical vocabulary. Sharing a common goal within a lesson will establish a sense of ownership and foster desirable behaviours that support the developmental of all.	The Mathematics department will raise awareness of the historical aspects of maths and the cultural diversity across number systems that have shaped our world to this day. Verbal and written diversity is encouraged and the views of others are celebrated in line with our focus on diversity. British values are key to creating strong resilient Mathematicians that can appreciate, the diverse thoughts of others. This will impact on social, moral, spiritual and cultural aspects of Academy life and the wider community improving learner confidence.	The 'teaching for mastery' approach allows ALL pupils the best chances of mastering Mathematical concepts. It incorporates international pedagogy from Shanghai and Singapore allowing learners will strive for improvements in knowledge and given the abundant opportunities to acquire a deep, long-term, secure and adaptable understanding of the subject. Learning mathematics requires learners to engage in abstract thinking, bringing together techniques and theories to explore new ideas, deepen understanding and solve problems. Teachers, will break down concepts into small connected and structured steps enabling application to a range of contexts.

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