

Maths KS3 Flightpath

Traditionally the maths curriculum is split into the following six strands in line with the GCSE specification and National Curriculum; Number, Algebra, Ratio and Proportion, Geometry and Measure, Probability, and Statistics.

At QKA we have further sub-divided these strands, to allow us to assess students performance in different areas with more confidence. The strands are:

- Number
- Calculations
- Fractions, Decimals and Percentages
- Measure
- Ratio
- Algebra
- Graphs
- Sequences and Further Algebra
- Geometry
- Shape
- Transformations
- Data
- Probability

Within these strands, students study smaller blocks, which are detailed in the table opposite. These increase in difficulty through KS3.

Students write an assessment at the end of each block, and are awarded a step. These assessment results are shared with the students and inform our teaching and planning.

For each topic test, depending on the difficulty, students can achieve 1 of 4 steps, depending on the percentage scored (20%, 40%, 60%, 80%) and difficulty of the block. Please refer to the table opposite for full details.

For the progress reports that you receive from QKA twice per academic year, a holistic assessment is made of the 'best fit' step. This is based on performance in the full range of assessments completed this year to date, as students perform differently from strand to strand.

Examples:

Katie in year 7 studies Sequences 01. She scores 23% on this test. This means she is awarded a step 1. She then studies Algebra 01 and achieves 62%. This means she is awarded a step 3. For the year 7 progress report, a holistic judgement is made, and Katie is awarded an overall step 2.

Jack in year 9 studies Graphs 02. He scores 78% on this test. This means he is awarded a step 7. He then studies Algebra 04 and achieves 54%. This means he is awarded a step 6. For the year 9 progress report, a holistic judgement is made, and Jack is awarded an overall step 6.

Strands	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5	Step 6	Step 7	Step 8	Step 9	Step 10	
Number	Number 01										
		Number 02									
		Number 03									
				Number 04							
					Number 05						
						Number 06					
Calculations	Calculations 01										
		Calculations 02									
		Calculations 03									
			Calculations 04								
Fractions, Decimals and Percentages	FDP 01										
		FDP 02									
			FDP 03								
				FDP 04							
Measure		Measure 01									
			Measure 02								
Ratio			Ratio 01								
				Ratio 02							
				Ratio 03							
					Ratio 04						
Algebra	Algebra 01										
		Algebra 02									
			Algebra 03								
				Algebra 04							
Graphs			Graphs 01								
				Graphs 02							
					Graphs 03						
Sequences and Further Algebra	Sequences 01										
		Sequences 02									
			Sequences 03								
					Sequences 04						
Geometry	Geometry 01										
		Geometry 02									
			Geometry 03								
				Geometry 04							
					Geometry 05						
					Geometry 06						
Shape		Shape 01									
			Shape 02								
Transformations		Transformation 01									
			Transformation 02								
				Transformation 03							
Data		Data 01									
			Data 02								
			Data 03								
Probability			Probability 01								
				Probability 02							
				Probability 03							

Strands	Key Concepts / Ideas
Number	Place Value (NU01) Directed Number (NU02) Estimation and bounds (NU03) Prime Numbers and Proof (NU04) Standard Index Form (NU05) Surds and Irrational Numbers (NU06)
Calculations	Adding and Subtractions with Integers and Decimals (CA01) Multiplication and Division with Integers and Decimals (CA02) Add and Subtract Fractions (CA03) Multiply and Divide Fractions (CA04)
Fractions, Decimals and Percentages	FDP Equivalence (FDP01) Fractions and Percentages of Amounts (FDP02) Fractions (FDP03) Percentages (FDP04)
Measure	Units of length, weight and capacity (ME01) Units of Area and Volume (ME01) Units of Time (ME02) Money and real life money problems (ME02)
Ratio	Ratio and Scale (RA01) Multiplicative Change - proportion and scale (RA02) Conversion Graphs (RA02) Best Buys (RA03) Inverse Proportion (RA03) Compound units and rates of change (RA04)
Algebra	Algebraic Notation (AL01) Algebraic Manipulation (AL01) (AL01) Equality and Equivalence (AL02) Expanding Brackets (AL03) Inequalities (AL03)(AL04) Solving equations with brackets (AL03) (AL04) Multi-step equations (AL04) Formula and Identities (AL03) Re-arranging Formula (AL04)
Graphs	Coordinates (GR01) Gradient (GR01) (GR02) Linear Graphs - plotting and recognising (GR01) Equations of linear Graphs (GR02) (GR03) Real Life Graphs (GR02) (GR03)
Sequences and Further Algebra	Describe and Continue and represent sequences (SE01) Find missing terms (SE01) Explain term to term rules (SE01) Generate sequences from a rule (SE02) Nth term of linear sequences (SE02) Laws of Indices (SE03) Conjectures and Generalisations (SE04)

Geometry	Identify, classify and draw angles (GE01) Identify and classify polygons (GE01) Construct Polygons (GE01) Pie Charts (GE01) Understand and use angle facts to solve problems (GE02) Angles on parallel lines (GE02) Loci and bisectors (GE03) (GE04) Congruence (GE04) Geometric reasoning and conjecture (GE05) Pythagoras (GE06)
Shape	Properties of Quadrilaterals (SH01) Construct angle and line bisectors (SH01) Perimeter and Area (SH01) Circles and Compound Shapes (SH02) Prisms and Nets (SH02) Plans and Elevations (SH02) Surface Area and Volume (SH02)
Transformations	Symmetry (TR01) Reflection (TR01) Rotation (TR02) Translation (TR02) Enlargement (TR03) Congruence and Similarity (TR03) Combined Transformations (TR03)
Data	Correlation (DA01) Types of Data (DA01) Frequency Tables (DA01) Two Way Tables (DA01) Statistical Enquiries (DA02) Bar Charts and Line Graphs (DA02) Pictograms and representations (DA02) Grouped Data (DA02) Comparing Distributions (DA02) Averages and Spread (DA03) Averages from a table (DA03)
Probability	Sets and Venns (PR01) Probability Scale (PE01) Outcomes - Single Event (PR01) (PR02) Sample Space Diagrams (PR02) (PR03) Probabilities from Two Way Tables (PR02) Experimental Probability / Relative Frequency (PR03) Tree Diagrams (PR03) Conditional Probability (PR03)