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GCSE MATHS KEY TOPICS TO REVISE



Please note this is not a list of everything on the syllabus.

This is a list of some KEY TOPICS as starting point for revision for each target grade

You would also need to be confident with the topics at the grades lower than your target grade.

Grade 4

Number, ratio and proportion	Algebra and graphs	Geometry	Data
Fraction, decimal and percentage equivalence	Simplifying expressions - including brackets	Angle facts	Find mode, median, mean and range and use to compare 2 sets of data
Calculating percentages (non-calculator and calculator methods)	Factorise a simple expression	Perimeter and area of 2D shapes - including circles	Find averages from a frequency table and grouped frequency table
4 rules with whole numbers and decimals	Solving linear equations	Volume and surface area of a cuboid	Plot scatter-graphs and use line of best fit
Directed number arithmetic	Laws of Indices - simple	Volume of a simple prism	Draw and interpret dual and composite bar charts
4 rules with fractions	Substitution	Use Pythagoras to find missing sides on a right-angled triangle	Relative frequency/experimental probability
Converting between ordinary and standard form	Linear sequences	Construct triangles	
Highest common factor and Lowest common multiple	Changing the subject of a formula	Transformations - reflections, rotations, translations and positive enlargements	
Writing a number as a product of prime factors	Plotting straight line graphs	Add and subtract column vectors	
Simplify ratios	Reading solutions from graphs	Understand the word Congruent	
Share in a given ratio	Interpret real life graphs eg distance time graphs, conversion graphs	Find scale factor of an enlargement and use to find a missing side	
Solve problems with direct proportion	Algebraic Fractions		

Grade 5/6

Number, ratio and proportion	Algebra and Graphs	Geometry	Data
Calculate amount after a percentage increase including repeated change and compound interest	Expand and simplify a double bracket	Understand and use bearings	Draw and interpret Cumulative Frequency graphs
Calculate with reverse percentages	Solve linear inequalities and show on a number line	Area and volume of part circles	Draw and use Box plots
Rules of indices including brackets and negative indices	Change the subject of a formula involving squares or roots	Volume and surface area of right prisms	Use a line of best fit on a Scatter-graph to make an estimate
Identify error intervals	Solve quadratic equations by factorisation	Volume and surface area of a cylinder	Venn diagrams
Calculate with standard form (non-calculator and calculator methods)	Quadratic sequences	Understand plans and elevations	Use AND/OR rules for probability
Calculate with compound measures - Speed, Density and pressure	Solve simultaneous equations	Use Trigonometry to calculate missing angles and lengths in right angled triangles	Draw and use a tree diagram for independent events
Calculate with simple direct and inverse proportion		Use Pythagoras and Trigonometry in 3D	
	Understand $y=mx + c$ Find the equation of a line	Construct bisectors	
	Find parallel lines	Combined Transformations Fractional and negative enlargements	
	Plot quadratic, cubic and reciprocal graphs	Similar and congruent triangles	

Grade 7/8/9

Number, ratio and proportion	Algebra and Graphs	Geometry	Data
Turn a recurring decimal into a fraction	Understand and use identities	Sine and Cosine rules	Histograms - draw and interpret
Upper and lower bounds of calculations	Complete the square and understand how it relates to the graph of a quadratic	Area of triangle $=\frac{1}{2}absinC$	Dependent events and conditional probability
Fractional indices	Use the quadratic formula	Arc length, area of sector	
Surds	Solve quadratic inequalities	Volume/surface area more complex 3D shapes - sphere, pyramid, cone	
	Solve simultaneous equations 1 linear 1 quadratic	Circle theorems	
	Change the subject of a formula - subject appears twice or complex	Geometric proof	
	Understand geometric sequences	Loci	
	Functions and composite functions	Vectors - solve problems and proof	
	Algebraic proof	Similar shapes - solve problems with area and volume	
	Perpendicular lines	Prove congruency	
	Gradients of curves and area under a curve		
	Transformations of graphs (including Trig graphs)		
	Algebraic fractions		