

GCSE Methods in Mathematics (Pilot)

Specification at a glance

The GCSE Methods in Mathematics pilot concentrates on maths as a discipline in its own right and as a powerful vehicle for developing skills of thinking, reasoning and problem solving. There are **two units**:

Unit M1: Methods in Mathematics (Algebra and Probability)

- **Content:**
 - Number
 - Algebra
 - Probability
- Available in both Foundation and Higher tiers
- Externally assessed by written paper:
 - 1 hour 30 minutes
 - 80 marks – 50 % of total marks
 - Section A – calculator allowed
 - Section B – non-calculator

plus

Unit M2: Methods in Mathematics (Geometry and Algebra)

- **Content:**
 - Number
 - Algebra
 - Geometry
- Available in both Foundation and Higher tiers
- Externally assessed by written paper:
 - 1 hour 30 minutes
 - 80 marks – 50 % of total marks
 - Calculator allowed

This specification must be taken in conjunction with its ‘twin’: **GCSE Applications of Mathematics pilot**. See the fully accredited specifications, specimen question papers and mark schemes at aqa.org.uk/mathszone

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The GCSE Applications of Mathematics pilot concentrates on the skills and content that are required in our everyday lives. There are **two units**:

Unit A1: Applications of Mathematics (Finance and Statistics)

- **Content:**
 - **Number**
 - **Financial and business applications**
 - **Algebra**
 - **Statistics and probability**
- **Available in both Foundation and Higher tiers**
- **Externally assessed by written paper:**
 - **1 hour 30 minutes**
 - **80 marks – 50% of total marks**
 - **Calculator allowed**

plus

Unit A2: Applications of Mathematics (Geometry and Measures)

- **Content:**
 - **Number**
 - **Measures**
 - **Algebra**
 - **Geometry**
- **Available in both Foundation and Higher tiers**
- **Externally assessed by written paper:**
 - **1 hour 30 minutes**
 - **80 marks – 50% of total marks**
 - **Calculator allowed**

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