# **Benchmarks for Mathematics at My High School**

## Year 7

Pervading themes

- Multiplication
- Inversing
- Checking

## **Benchmarks**

- • Use positive integer powers and associated real roots
- Apply the order of operations including brackets
- • Convert between terminating decimals and fractions
- Write a quantity as a fraction or percentage of another
- Use multiplicative reasoning to interpret percentage change
- • Understand how to multiply with fractions and mixed numbers
- • Check calculations using inverse operations
- Select and use checking strategies in a range of contexts
- Simplify and manipulate expressions by collecting like terms
- Simplify and manipulate expressions by multiplying a single term over a bracket
- Substitute numbers into formulae
- Solve linear equations in one unknown
- Calculate surface area of cubes and cuboids

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## Year 8

Pervading themes

- Algebra: the big picture
- Making connections
- Scaling up

#### Benchmarks

- Apply the four operations with negative numbers
- Convert numbers into standard form and vice versa
- • Apply the multiplication, division and power laws of indices
- Find a relevant multiplier when solving problems involving proportion
- • Solve problems involving percentage change
- • Factorise an expression by taking out common factors
- Change the subject of a formula when two steps are required
- Find and use the nth term for a linear sequence
- Solve linear equations with unknowns on both sides
- Understand and use lines parallel to the axes, y = x and y = -x
- Plot and interpret graphs of linear functions
- • Apply the formulae for circumference and area of a circle
- Calculate theoretical probabilities for single events

# Year 9

Pervading themes

- Your mathematics toolkit
- The scientific connection
- Visualising

# Benchmarks

- Calculate with roots and integer indices
- Manipulate algebraic expressions by expanding the product of two binomials
- • Manipulate algebraic expressions by factorising a quadratic expression of the form x<sup>2</sup> + bx + c
- • Understand and use the gradient of a straight line to solve problems
- Solve two linear simultaneous equations algebraically and graphically
- Plot and interpret graphs of quadratic functions
- Change freely between compound units
- • Use ruler and compass methods to construct perpendicular bisectors and angle bisectors
- Solve problems involving similar shapes
- Calculate exactly with multiples of  $\pi$
- • Apply Pythagoras' Theorem in two dimensions
- Use geometrical reasoning to construct simple proofs
- Use tree diagrams to list outcomes

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# Entry to Key Stage 3

## **Benchmarks**

- Multiply and divide numbers with up to three decimal places by 10, 100, and 1000
- Round to the nearest whole number, 10, 100, 1000 and to one decimal place
- Add and subtract numbers of any size
- Recall multiplication facts up to 12 × 12
- Use known and derived facts to multiply and divide mentally
- Multiply a three-digit number by a two-digit number
- Divide numbers up to four-digits by a single-digit number
- Know common equivalences between fractions, decimals and percentages
- Identify and find equivalent fractions
- Find percentages of quantities using mental methods
- Measure and draw lengths and angles
- Calculate the area of rectangles and triangles
- Use coordinates in all four quadrants

Many changes and joining of BAMs, but colour gives closest approximation to original

- The Number System
- Calculating
- FDPRP
- Geometry