

HIGHER GCSE UNIT SUMMARY: UNIT 2: Expressions, substituting into simple formulae, expanding and factorising, equations, sequences and inequalities, simple proof

2a) Algebra: the basics, setting up, rearranging and solving equations

Unit Description	Taught	Revision Priority
Use algebraic notation and symbols correctly;		
Know the difference between a term, expression, equation, formula and an identity;		
Write and manipulate an expression by collecting like terms;		
Substitute positive and negative numbers into expressions such as $3x + 4$ and $2x^3$ and then into expressions involving brackets and powers;		
Substitute numbers into formulae from mathematics and other subject		
Simplify expressions by cancelling, e.g. $(4x)/2 = 2x$;		
Use laws of indices for positive integer;		
Use laws of indices, including use of zero, fractional and negative powers;		
Multiply a single term over a bracket and recognise factors of algebraic terms involving single brackets and simplify expressions by factorising, including subsequently collecting like terms;		
Expand the product of two linear expressions, i.e. double brackets working up to negatives in both brackets and also similar to $(2x + 3y)(3x - y)$;		
Know that squaring a linear expression is the same as expanding double brackets;		
Factorise quadratic expressions of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$;		
Factorise quadratic expressions using the difference of two squares;		
Set up simple equations from word problems and derive simple formulae;		
Understand the \neq symbol (not equal), e.g. $6x + 4 \neq 3(x + 2)$, and the identity \equiv sign;		
Solve linear equations, with integer coefficients, in which the unknown appears on either side or on both sides of the equation;		
Solve linear equations which contain brackets, including those that have negative signs occurring anywhere in the equation, and those with a negative solution;		
Solve linear equations in one unknown, with integer or fractional coefficients;		
Set up and solve linear equations to solve to solve a problem;		
Derive a formula and set up simple equations from word problems, then solve these equations, interpreting the solution in the context of the problem;		
Substitute positive and negative numbers into a formula, solve the resulting equation including brackets, powers or standard form;		
Use and substitute formulae from mathematics and other subjects, including the kinematics formulae $v = u + at$, $v^2 - u^2 = 2as$, and $s = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$;		
Change the subject of a simple formula, i.e. linear one-step, such as $x = 4y$;		
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Simple proofs and use of \equiv in "show that" style questions; know the difference between an equation and an identity;		
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Use the n th term of an arithmetic sequence to decide if a given number is a term in the sequence, or find the first term above or below a given number;		
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Continue a quadratic sequence and use the n th term to generate terms;		
Find the n th term of quadratic sequences;		
Distinguish between arithmetic and geometric sequences;		
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