

Independent Learning in A Level Maths and Further Maths



After each lesson, in addition to completing any set work, a pro-active, independent learner would...

...put simply, do some maths! Practice is everything in maths – keep up rather than catch up. More specifically, they would:

- Ensure that notes are completed and loose sheets/homework tasks, etc. are filed suitably in a folder.
- Make a list of things not fully understood and discuss with a peer or a teacher before the next lesson .
- Make use of lunchtime support sessions, remembering to bring along pre-prepared questions.
- Try to summarise the content of the lesson in note or diagrammatic format to diagnose lack of understanding.
- Try to commit factual information to memory immediately, rather than leaving it until revision.
- Read the relevant textbook chapter/Integral notes and annotate lesson notes with additional, relevant content.
- Maintain a list of learning points from reviewed/marked work and regularly review this list.
- Seek out additional sources of questions on areas of weakness or where mistakes were
 made in classwork, homework or a test. For important pieces of work, diagnose mistakes
 as active mistakes, slip-ups and blackouts.
- Match the content of the specification against lesson notes/content to ensure that all points are covered.

Effort grade

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Resources to help you study

Most key resources, such as the specification for your course, data sheet, past papers, etc. can be found on Integral (https://integralmaths.org/). Other resources include:

Resource	Description
Integral Maths https://integralmaths.org/	Packed with Examples, study guides and walkthroughs.
MyMaths	Great to catch up and remind yourself of those GCSE topics you haven't covered for a while that are now assumed knowledge.
MathsWatch	Great to catch up and remind yourself of those GCSE topics you haven't covered for a while that are now assumed knowledge.
CGP Revision Guide	Does what it says! Other revision guides are available, too – ask you teacher for advice.

Stretch yourself

UKMT Senior Challenge Question papers are readily available.