

The aim of the Mathematics curriculum across all sites within the Raedwald Trust is to ensure that all learners develop their mathematical fluency, are able to reason using this fluency and apply their knowledge to solve a wide range of practical/functional problems.

Within the Traded Ks3 offer students after induction will begin the topics in order, working from number, statistics, number, ratio, probability, statistics and measure.

We aim to provide our students opportunities to follow a programme of study based on the National Curriculum. It will build upon subject knowledge gained in KS2 whilst preparing them for the challenges of KS4 – whether this is in an Alternative Provision or if they have returned to mainstream education. Pupils entering our Trust are likely to be at different stages in their mathematical knowledge. Initially they will be assessed for prior knowledge and will enter into the programme of study at an appropriate level, progressing along curriculum strands – these strands will be revisited throughout the key stage to enable pupils to cover them regardless of when they enter the trust. Year 9 pupils will also have the opportunity to start studying GCSE mathematics topics as they begin following the 3 year GCSE course.

The fundamental areas in our mathematics curriculum are:

- **Number**
- **Algebra**
- **Ratio, proportion and rates of change**
- **Geometry and measurement**
- **Probability**
- **Statistics**

Assessment and outcomes

We assess pupils for three key reasons:

- a. To find out what they do and do not know so that we can plan next steps in their learning journey.
- b. To understand their patterns of progress.
- c. To make judgements about their progress towards key markers in their education.

Ultimately, good assessment will add value to pupil outcomes by helping teachers and leaders to understand what is having good impact and what needs to be refined or addressed for individual pupils.

We use this information to capture what the students know within each strand and most importantly any gaps in their knowledge. We use this information to inform future planning to ensure students make progress within each strand.

Students that have large gaps in learning are supported through a differentiated curriculum that includes small group teaching with the use of Numicom to aid low level understanding of number.

Mathematics and the wider curriculum

Cultural Capital

Within the Trust we believe that it is important for all students to develop cultural skills, knowledge and behaviours that will allow them to thrive in society and the world of work. The Mathematics curriculum sets out to develop our learners' cultural capital to make them ready for their next stage in their lives. This is achieved in many ways including teaching students real life skills related to reading timetables, budgeting, finance, recipes, speed/distance, etc.

SMSC

Mathematics enables students to make sense of the world around them and we strive to enable each of our students to explore the connections between their numeracy skills and every-day life. Students are provided with opportunities to use their maths skills within real life contexts, applying and exploring the skills required in solving various problems.

Problem solving skills and teamwork are fundamental to mathematics through creative thinking, discussion, explaining and presenting ideas. Students are always encouraged to explain their understanding to each other and support each other in their learning. Through teamwork, students are able to gain confidence which should lead to them becoming independent learners.

Within the curriculum we look at various approaches to Mathematics from around the world and use this to discuss their origins. This includes different multiplication methods from around the world and also the origins of Pythagoras' theorem. We try to develop an awareness of both the history of maths alongside the realisation that many topics we still learn today have travelled across the world and are used internationally.

British values

The Mathematics curriculum promotes the British values of tolerance and resilience each lesson through problem solving and understanding of complex concepts. Students are encouraged to learn from mistakes and are supported to improve their understanding. Within the statistics modules students are encouraged to evaluate data and look for bias.



Careers

Within lessons pathways for future study of STEAM subjects is promoted. When looking at topics students are encouraged to see how these might be used in the real world and within vocational contexts. Lessons are linked to developing vocational and functional understanding of IT, Construction, Cooking, Sport, Science, Transport planning, Finance, etc. Staff will make every attempt to link mathematics into the vocational interests of individual students.

Reading

Every opportunity is taken within the classroom to allow students to develop their reading. Many forms of text are actively shared with students to prepare them for independence within society including reading menus, timetables, recipes, advertisements, construction plans, etc.

Students are actively encouraged to read and are supported to understand key words. Shared reading and choral reading often occurs when looking at texts as a class.

Staff explicitly teach the meaning of command words to aid students' understanding of mathematical questions. Within lessons staff promote high standards of literacy, articulacy and the correct use of standard English. Displays engage students to support them with the understanding of key command words.