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YEAR 9

TOPIC OVERVIEW:

In this unit you will be reasoning with algebra: In Straight Line Graphs, students need to understand the relationship between equations and their graphical representations. They must be able to identify and interpret the gradient and y-intercept in the form y = mx + c, plot graphs from given equations, and use graphs to solve problems involving real-life contexts such as conversion or cost graphs. Forming and Solving Equations requires students to construct algebraic equations from written or diagrammatic information and solve them using inverse operations. This includes linear equations with unknowns on both sides, equations involving brackets, and those set in contextual problems. A clear understanding of algebraic structure is essential for accurate problem solving.
Test Conjectures encourages students to develop mathematical reasoning by forming hypotheses based on patterns or relationships, testing them with examples, and refining or disproving them logically. This process supports problem-solving skills and introduces students to the fundamentals of proof and generalisation in mathematics.
Reasoning with algebra in Year 9 prepares you to confidently use letters to represent numbers, recognise and generalise patterns, simplify expressions and solve equations. These units prepare students for KS4 by developing essential skills in algebra, graphs, problem solving and mathematical reasoning, providing a strong foundation for GCSE Maths.

Key Vocabulary (T2)	Key Vocabulary (T3)	Core knowledge	Disciplinary Skills
Construct, solve, evaluate, test, refine, generalise, relationship, pattern, sequence, method, strategy, accurate, logical, equivalent, solution, conclusion, reasoning, evidence, context, variable.	Intercept Gradient Equation Factor Expand	Students will develop their understanding of straight-line graphs and equations by linking algebraic equations to graphical representations, interpreting gradients and intercepts, and applying graphs to real-life problems. They will form and solve equations using algebraic reasoning and inverse operations. Students will also develop mathematical reasoning by identifying patterns, testing conjectures, justifying conclusions and beginning to use proof and generalisation.	Plotting and interpreting linear graphs, accurately plotting straight line graph. Interpreting gradients and intercepts from graphs in context. Understanding and using the equation of a line, use y-mx+c to identify and interpret m=gradient and c as the y intercept. Calculating the gradient between 2 points. Compare gradients and direction of lines. Converting worded problems or real-life problems into algebraic expressions and equations. Representing unknowns with letters, identifying relationships and forming correct mathematical statements. Using equations to find unknown values .

Checkpoint: Vocab/ Knowledge/ Disciplinary skill(s)	What does this assessment look like?	Which disciplinary skills do I need to be successful?
Checkpoint 1: Straight line graphs	You will complete a skills check You will be reassessed during the Mastery lesson	You need to interpret coordinates, recognise relationships between variables, plot points accurately, identify and calculate gradient and intercepts, connect equations to graphs, recognise

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		patterns, use algebraic reasoning, and apply straight-line graphs to solve problems.
Checkpoint 2: Forming and solving equations	You will complete a skills check You will be reassessed during the Mastery lesson	You need to interpret information, identify unknown values, form equations from words or diagrams, use inverse operations, apply algebraic rules accurately, solve equations logically, check solutions using substitution, and clearly explain your mathematical reasoning.
Checkpoint 3: Testing conjectures	You will complete a skills check You will be reassessed during the Mastery lesson	You need to identify patterns and relationships, form conjectures, test ideas using examples and counterexamples, explain your reasoning clearly, justify conclusions, refine ideas and use logical reasoning to develop mathematical arguments.

Milestone assessment: The average of the following skills checks : Sequences: Understand and use algebraic notation; Equality and equivalence		
Vocab quiz: Intercept Gradient Equation Factor Expand	**Knowledge tasks:** Students will learn how graphs and equations are connected, how to solve algebraic equations, and how these skills can be used in real-life situations. They will also develop their reasoning by spotting patterns, testing ideas and explaining why their answers are correct.	**Disciplinary tasks:** Students will learn how to use ratio, scale and percentages to solve everyday problems, such as sharing amounts, using recipes, reading maps and working out discounts. They will also build confidence in multiplying and dividing fractions and simplifying their answers.

How can I **achieve** in this topic?

- Complete tasks on SPARX
- Engage 100% in lessons
- Make good notes/examples in lessons and use them

Further research:

- Home | NRICH
- Maths - BBC Bitesize