GCSE- Foundation Maths course / Functional Skills Maths Course

Year	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
9	Numeracy and the number system	Introducing Algebra	Charts and Graphs	Fractions and percentages	Averages and Shapes	Equations and inequalities
10	Sequences and 3D shapes	Graphs	Transformations	Ratio and Proportion	Right Angled Triangles and Probability	Loci and constructions
11	Trigonometry and data collection	Quadratics and Cubics	Circles, surds and proofs	Vectors, Reciprocals and Exponentials	Direct and Inverse proportion.	EXAMS

GCSEs are taken in Year 11 and consist of 3 separate examinations – one non-calculator and two calculator based papers. These will lead to a grade from 1-5.

The Functional skills syllabus states it will be based on everyday maths skills being used to solve problems. It can be taken to Entry level (1 to 3, where 1 is more or less counting) all the way up to a level 2 qualification which claims it will be equivalent to GCSE mathematics level 4 pass.

Functional skills qualifications vary in their approach to examination and are all subject to finalisation from the government. They are all Pass/Fail qualifications and may involve computer based testing or several examination (s) depending on the level of entry.