

Which topics are covered at N5?

Unit	Topics
Expressions & Formulae	Surds & Indices
	Algebra
Relationships	Straight Line
	Simultaneous Equations
	Quadratics
	Trigonometry
Applications	Statistics
	Percentages
	Vectors
	Non-right angled Trigonometry

Are there important dates of which I should be aware?

November/December - Prelim

No coursework – final mark is from exam only.

April/May – 90 mark exam (100% of final grade)

How is the course assessed?

COMPONENT	DETAILS	LENGTH	MARKS
Final written exam	Non-calculator	1 hour	40
	Calculator	1 hour 30 minutes	50

What are the exam question command words?

Determine/Find/Calculate – Obtain the final answer showing all stages of your working.

Show that – Prove a given result by showing every step.

State – Give a specific name, value or brief answer without explanation or calculation.

Solve – Find the value of an unknown variable using algebraic methods.

Express – Rewrite an algebraic expression in a different specified format.

Hence (or otherwise) - Hence means you must use your answer from the previous part. “Or otherwise” allows a different method, but using your previous answer is almost always the most straightforward.

What resources can I use to support my learning?

Teams/OneNote – All notes and examples are stored in OneNote.

Achieve – <https://achieve.hashtag-learning.co.uk/> - revision guides and past papers with marking instructions for all the units

MrMMaths.com – Notes, worked examples and past paper questions.

Clelland Maths - [National 5 Maths — Notes, Past Papers & Video Solutions](#) | [Clelland Maths](#)

Where can I find more information about the exam and assignment?

The SQA Understanding Standards provides exemplars and grades awarded.

<https://www.understandingstandards.org.uk/>

Where do I find more information about the course?

[National 5 Mathematics Course Specification](#)

How do I ensure top marks?

What else can I do to improve?

- Set an aspirational target grade – detail exactly what you are going to do to achieve this and keep referring to it.
 - Attempt all homework (and read the feedback you are given).
 - Practice exam level questions (practice or past papers). Give yourself enough time to practice.
- Particularly in Maths, it is not enough to read through class notes. Practice questions – sometimes under timed conditions.
- In Higher Maths, you need to rely heavily on some key skills from N5 Maths. Make sure you are secure with:
- Factorising
 - Negative and fractional indices
 - Manipulating fractions

Practice makes it permanent – not just perfect!