

CAM ACADEMY TRUST COURSE INFORMATION

Course Title	<p style="text-align: center;">GCSE Mathematics Foundation level (Online via Zoom)</p>				
Course Description	<p>The GCSE course encourages candidates to be inspired, moved and changed by following a broad, coherent, satisfying and worthwhile course of study. Learners will be helped to develop confidence in (and to have a positive attitude towards) mathematics and to recognise the importance of mathematics in their own lives and to society.</p> <p>The main areas of study are: number, shape, algebra and handling data.</p> <p>This course will be taught online using the Zoom software program, therefore you will need access to equipment that can run this program.</p>				
Start Date	15 th Sep 2021	Day & Time	Wednesday 6.45pm - 9.15pm	Venue	Online
Tutor Details	<p>Shane Day has taught adult maths (GCSE Edexcel Foundation Level) for several years, and has contributed teaching material for the new GCSEs 9-1 Maths Course that came into effect in September 2016. He has also been a private maths and chemistry tutor for over 8 years. He has an MSc in Computer Science and Maths.</p>				
No. of wks	30+	Terms		3	
Fee	FREE* /£556	Concessionary Fee		FREE* /£417	
Course Level:	Mixed ability				
	Level 1, Level 2 (equiv. to GCSE / NVQ2)				✓
	Level 3 Equivalent GCE A Level				
Skills or qualifications needed for entry into the class		<p>The course is designed for adults who have studied GCSE (or CSE, GCE, School Certificate, or international equivalents) mathematics before at school. You must have previously attained either a grade E, D or 3 or have an International equivalent in order to enrol.</p> <p>This course will lead to the Foundation Tier GCSE examination and the highest grade achievable will be the new Level 5.</p>			

Course aims & objectives

The GCSE maths syllabus places great emphasis on 'doing Mathematics' and relating this, wherever possible, to everyday life. Certain techniques and formulae need to be learnt, but the emphasis on 'doing' means that you should work carefully through the practice work in class. It is then vital that you consolidate your knowledge by working through examples and exercises at home (direction will be given for this) in order to be able to solve problems effectively on your own.

This course aims to match the Edexcel specification and enable candidates to:

- develop knowledge, skills and understanding of mathematical methods and concepts
- acquire and use problem-solving strategies
- select and apply mathematical techniques and methods in mathematical, every day and real world situations
- reason mathematically, make deductions and inferences and draw conclusions
- interpret and communicate mathematical information in a variety of forms appropriate to the information and context.

Progression – after this course what might you do next?

A GCSE Level 4 or higher will open up a variety of job and training opportunities for successful learners.

How progress & success will be recorded

Your progress will be monitored throughout the course. This will include: checking your progress via on-class activities, group discussions covering (and resolving) common difficulties with topics, regular performance assessments, completion of practice papers (towards the end of the course) and a mock exam.

Finally, in term 3, you will sit the GCSE examination which comprises of three papers.

Additional information (e.g. visits, materials, books, equipment)

This course will be taught online using Zoom, therefore you will need access to equipment that can run this program.

Learners must attend additional hours on Saturday/Sunday (9.00am – 1.00pm) in order to make up the required number of hours of study. Dates to be agreed with the tutor in class.

Learners must attend for a minimum of 85% of the guided learning hours of the whole course (120 hrs), in order to be eligible for the free funding.

The provisional dates for the GCSE exams are usually available at this time, however, due to the pandemic, these have not been released as yet. When they are known you will be informed.

Equipment required: a pair of compasses (for drawing circles), a protractor, a ruler, pen, pencil, paper and a file to keep your work in (or an exercise book). You will also need a scientific calculator, and we recommend the Casio fx-85GTX, or the Casio fx-83GTX, both available from Amazon, Tesco, Rymans and many other retailers for around £10-£15.

Materials/equipment required for first class	<p>You must have photographic ID available at the first class</p> <p>Also a ruler, pen, pencil, paper and a file to keep your work in (or an exercise book).</p>
Contact for further information	<p>Adult Education: 01223 264721 commed@combertonvc.org</p>

Funding

This course is funded through the Adult Education Budget allocated by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) or the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) and part financed by the European Social Fund (ESF) programme. This funding is managed by Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills. A short video covering the background of ESF, what it does, how it helps and who benefits is available on the European Union website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/esf/home.jsp>

Eligibility criteria *

In order to qualify for a FREE place on this course, you must be eligible for us to claim funding to cover the costs. The eligibility criteria is as follows:

- Aged 19 or older on 31 August 2021
- You are a citizen of a country within the European Economic Area (EEA) or other countries determined within the EEA, including those with bilateral agreements such as Switzerland, or have settled status or the Right of Abode in the UK, **AND**

have been ordinarily resident in the EEA or other countries determined within the EEA, including those with bilateral agreements such as Switzerland, for at least the previous 3 years on the first day of learning

- you must attend classes for a minimum of 85% of the guided learning hours
- you must undertake the exams
- you must fully complete an enrolment form
- you must complete an individual learning plan (ILP) on a regular basis

If you do not meet the eligibility criteria you can still attend the course on payment of the relevant fees.

Enrolment and Payment

Please enrol at Comberton Village College for all courses, including those in Cambourne, Melbourn and online. **Please assume the class is running once payment has been received, unless you hear to the contrary.**

We would appreciate payment of fees over the telephone by debit card to avoid contact, however, if that is not possible then we will accept cheque or cash.

By Phone: 01223 264721

Email: commed@combertonvc.org

Cheques: The Cam Academy Trust
Address: Adult Education, Comberton Village College
Comberton, Cambridge, CB23 7DU
In person: Please bring payment to Reception
9.15am – 2.00pm Mon-Thurs
6.45pm – 9.15pm Weds, term time only

Refunds

Refunds are only available if we close a class or you withdraw at least two weeks before the start. In the latter case there is a £5 administrative charge. Classes cancelled by us due to unforeseen circumstances (e.g. tutor illness) will be replaced with an extra class at the end.

Concessionary Fees

25% discount (excluding materials) is available for those in receipt of JSA/ESA, Universal Credit, Carers Allowance or a social care assessment (EHCP, PIP) evidence to be provided. It is also possible to pay by instalments, please ask for details.

Calendar (Please check start date of specific courses)

Autumn Term Half term 25th – 29th Oct 2021

Spring Term Half term 14th – 18th Feb 2022

Summer Term Half term 30th May – 3rd June 2022

During the summer holiday period a member of staff will pick up messages each week and return calls and emails. We are closed in other school holidays.

Equalities statement

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrolments from all adults aged 19+ (on 31 August 2021). We positively encourage all learners with any concerns about specific needs which might affect their learning to discuss their requirements with us in confidence. We believe that everyone is entitled to learn in an environment that is free from discriminatory behaviour so that we build a community based on mutual trust and respect. We will do our best to ensure that resources and equipment are accessible to all and make reasonable adjustments to ensure that all learners can access activities.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Adult Learning and Skills service supports a wide range of other adult learning opportunities across Cambridgeshire to support adults with the lowest level of qualifications or no qualification at all, and so typically find themselves in lower paid, less secure jobs or unemployed. Search our website www.cambsals.co.uk for details of all our funded courses.

Safeguarding Statement

Arrangements have been made to make sure that you are safe at our Centres. If you feel you are not safe for any reason, for example through verbal or physical abuse or you have been discriminated against, please tell your tutor or the Centre Manager, who will investigate to ensure your safety.

How we use your data

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esfa-privacy-notice>

