


Course Title	GCSE Mathematics Foundation level					
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.</p> <p>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 is an intensive course, to be able to cover the curriculum required for the maths GCSE course, a minimum of 2 hours independent study per week would be required depending on your ability and understanding of the subject, as well as set study from your tutor. There are also additional compulsory sessions to be attended in the spring term.</p> <p>An assessment before enrolment is essential to ensure you are placed in the right course based on your current ability and understanding of maths. Please contact us to be booked in for an initial assessment and to check your eligibility for the course.</p>					
Start Date	5 <sup>th</sup> Nov 2025	Day & Time	Monday 18:30-21:00	Venue	Online	
Tutor Details	<b>Shane Day</b> has taught adult maths (GCSE Edexcel Foundation Level) for several years and has contributed teaching material for the 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.					
No. of wks	30	Terms		3		
Fee	<b>FREE*</b> /£756 <small>See eligibility criteria below</small>	Concessionary Fee		<b>FREE*</b> /£582 <small>See eligibility criteria below</small>		
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			The course is designed for adults who have studied GCSE (or CSE, GCE, School Certificate, or international			

	<p>equivalents) mathematics before at school. You must have previously attained either a grade E, D or 3 or have an international equivalent to enrol.</p> <p>A willingness to take part in class exercises and to work independently, including at home. You should also have a good understanding of the English language both written and spoken.</p> <p>This course will lead to enter the Foundation Tier GCSE examination where the highest grade achievable will be Level 5. Your tutor will decide if it is possible to enter the higher level paper, depending on your progress on the course. Please be aware once registered for the exam this cannot be changed.</p>
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## 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) to be able to solve problems effectively on your own. Independent study time, at home is essential to cover the curriculum of this course.

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- 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

Initial diagnostic assessments will take place at the beginning of the course, in person, in Cambourne Village College.

Your progress will be regularly reviewed and recorded with the tutor using an independent learning plan (ILP).

This document will be completed weekly by yourself as a record, to map your learning and track your

achievement. In-class activities, group discussions covering (and resolving) common difficulties with topics, regular performance assessments.

Some additional sessions will be compulsory in the run up to the exams for completion of practice papers (towards the end of the course) and a mock exam. Some Saturday or evening sessions will be also be compulsory, to cover the full content of the course.

Finally, in term 3, you will sit the GCSE examination which comprises of three papers. These dates in May & June 2026 are set by the exams body and are taken in the exams centre in Comberton Village College. We will notify you of these dates as soon as they are published.

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

Please note all learners are expected to be IT literate, send emails, use the internet and word-process. This is a **live** lesson and learners are expected to be present throughout the online course.

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

You must be present and available during the lessons for this course and communicate fully with your tutor and fellow learners. Learners must attend for a minimum of 85% of the guided learning hours of the whole course, to be eligible for the free funding.

**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.

<b>What to bring to the Initial Assessment</b>	<b>Photographic ID and Passport if possible</b> <b>National Insurance Number</b> <b>Evidence of any prior learning, or certificates</b> <b>Supporting documents for any access arrangement requests, for the exam</b> Assessments are held in person in Comberton Village College and take approx. 30 minutes. Please contact us to arrange a booking.
<b>Contact for further information</b>	Adult Education: 01223 264721 <a href="mailto:commed@combertonvc.org">commed@combertonvc.org</a>

### **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 \***

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 are as follows:

- Aged 19 or older on 31 August 2025
- 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 (including Afghanistan, Hong Kong and Ukraine)
- You 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 (this may not apply to Afghanistan, Hong Kong and Ukraine)
- You have not yet achieved a level 2 qualification in maths at grade 4 or above
- You must complete an assessment session and enrolment paperwork, to join the course.

**Funding is limited for this course and a high level of attendance is required**

If you do not qualify for a free course, then you can attend by paying the relevant fee. We can arrange a payment schedule of installment for this course.

**Enrolment and Payment**

Upon enrolling onto a course, you will receive further information, including an agreement to adhere to regarding the policies and procedures of the College, which include but are not limited to safeguarding and prevent.

We reserve the right to refuse admission or refer learners to alternative appropriate classes on academic grounds if necessary. We reserve the right to withdraw tuition and exam entries in the event of verbal, physical or intimidating behaviour to other learners, tutors or staff.

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

You can contact our office via the following:

By Phone: 01223 264721 – due to limited staff availability, our office is open term time only  
 Email: [commed@combertonvc.org](mailto:commed@combertonvc.org)  
 Address: Adult Education, Comberton Village College, Comberton, Cambridgeshire, CB23 7DU

Please note we are a cashless school; we currently accept card payments within our office based in Comberton Village College. We accept cheques made payable to The Cam Academy Trust.

Online enrolments can be paid directly in GBP (Sterling) via a secure server over the internet by debit or credit card. Online enrolment will ask for additional information that will enable us to register you, on your chosen course and allocate your payment accordingly.

Secure payment links for courses, can also be sent out via emails or text messages. This process would involve you being notified in advance, of a secure link due to be sent shortly afterwards. If required card payments, in person, can also be taken at the beginning of each term, via a portable payment system.

**Refunds**

If you choose to withdraw your booking, at least 2 weeks before the start date of a course, a refund will be given, minus a £5 administrative charge. Refunds are only available in the event of course cancellation or early closure from the college.

Classes cancelled by the college due to unforeseen circumstances, will be replaced with an extra class at the end of the course, whenever possible. For comprehensive details, please refer to our fees and refund policy which can be found on our website.

**Concessionary Fees**

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

### **Equalities statement**

We are fully committed to equality of opportunity and welcome enrollment from all adults aged 19+ (on 31 August 2025). 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 their website **[www.cambsals.co.uk](http://www.cambsals.co.uk)** for details of all their 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>

