

Supporting Your Learner

National 3 and 4 Lifeskills Mathematics

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Course Outline

In each Course pupils study three Units of work;

National 3 Lifeskills Mathematics

- Manage Money and Data
- Space and Measures
- Numeracy

To gain National 3 Lifeskills Mathematics, learners must pass all of the required Units.

National 4 Lifeskills Mathematics

- Managing Finance and Statistics
- Geometry and Measures
- Numeracy

To gain National 4 Lifeskills Mathematics, learners must pass all three Units and the Course Assessment.

Units are assessed by the school and achievement of Units is recorded on the pupil's qualifications certificate.

The Course Assessment, commonly known as the Added Value Unit, consists of two Question Papers :

Paper 1 Non-calculator: 20 minutes, 14-16 marks

Paper 2 Calculator: 40 minutes, 29 – 31 marks

The Added Value Test will be marked by the Teacher in line with SQA guidelines, and externally quality-assured by SQA



Added Value Unit

Although there are no National 4 Lifeskills Mathematics Past Exam Papers the [Mathematics Department Website](#) has a Practice Paper.

Although mainly for the use of pupils in the National 5 Lifeskills Mathematics Course, the Mathematics Department has compiled the relevant Past Exam Paper questions from the old SQA Qualifications into the three Units (accompanied by solutions) and this will provide a good test of knowledge and reasoning skills. These can be found on the [Mathematics Department Website](#).

The Casio FX range is most suitable and is also required for National 5 Mathematics and National 5 Lifeskills Mathematics.

Useful Websites

In addition to using the Knox Academy website pupils should use [BBC Bitesize](#) at National 4 Level.

SQA has developed a substantial number of formative assessments designed to support learning and these at [SQA Open Assess](#).



Useful Textbooks

The following websites sell revision and course notes as well as Past Exam Papers (though these are available via our school website). We can offer individual advice on what the best option for each pupil may be.

- [Hodder Education](#)
- [Leckie and Leckie](#)
- [Bright Red Publishing](#)

Revision Classes

The Mathematics Department run a number of revision sessions. Please see the revision timetable on the [school website](#).

For the sessions labelled 'drop in', pupils are asked to bring questions along with them and pupils are always welcome to seek out any member of staff for advice.

SQA Support

The link below will allow you to access the SQA's Parent page which will provide an overview of National Qualifications as well as helping with decisions about next steps

[SQA Support for Parents](#)

