



# My Learning My Future

**Where can studying Mathematics take you?**

Highlighting the relevance of Mathematics to future careers and opportunities



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# Why Mathematics matters

Have you ever considered where studying Mathematics can take you?

Today, we'll be exploring some of the career opportunities that are available to you, as well as the various pathways you can take to get there.

What pathways can you take with this subject?

What do you think these roles involve (daily task, etc.)?

What careers can you think of that use Mathematics?

Why is Mathematics an important subject?

[5 great reasons to study maths - Success at School](#)

What skills do you think you might need for these roles?



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# Explore a career as a...

Here are some  
example roles  
and careers  
linked to

Mathematics



**Senior Systems  
Engineer**

BBC Bitesize case study



**Financial trader/  
Stockbroker**

Prospect case study

icould case study



**Quantity Surveyor**

BBC Bitesize case study

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**Accounting  
Technician**

BBC Bitesize case study

Prosects case study



**Games Designer**

BBC Bitesize case study

Prosects case study

BBC Bitesize case study



**Sales Associate**

icould case study

# Discover more about the role

Explore careers using [National Careers Service](#) and find out about what jobs involve and how they are right for you

## Includes:

- Average salary
- Typical hours
- Work patterns
- Pathways/How to become
- Essential Skills
- Daily tasks
- Career path and progression
- Current opportunities

## Research Ideas:

[Senior Systems Engineer](#)  
[Stockbroker](#)  
[Quantity Surveyor](#)  
[Accounting Technician](#)  
[Games Designer](#)  
[Sales Associate](#)

## National Careers Service

We provide information, advice and guidance to help you make decisions on learning, training and work.

This service is available to people who live in England.

### Skills assessment

Learn more about your skills and match them to potential new careers.

[Assess your skills](#)

### Explore careers

Choose from over 800 career profiles to discover what each job involves.

[Search job profiles](#)

### Find a course

Look for online learning opportunities and training courses local to you.

[Look for courses](#)

## Careers advice

### Making career choices

Whether starting your career, changing job or if you have been affected by COVID-19, understand and make the right choice for you.

### Getting a job

Be successful in the recruitment process with tips on great CVs, interviews and graduate scheme applications.

### Progressing your career

Move up in your career by developing new skills. Find opportunities like volunteering and online learning.

### About us

The National Careers Service can help you with your career, learning and training choices. [Find out more](#) about the different ways we can support you.

### Speak to a careers adviser

Wherever you are in your decision-making, you can call us on [0800 100 900](#) or [use webchat](#).

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# Why not teach Mathematics?

Start in the classroom, where you go from there is up to you. Bring your passion for your subject, keep learning, and pass your knowledge onto others

- No two days are the same – and neither are the pupils
- Once qualified you can teach throughout your life
- You could teach abroad
- Progress your career into leadership and management
- Bring your outside interests into the classroom and your subject

# Why is STEM important?

- It boosts essential skills such as problem solving and curiosity
- It helps you see and understand the wider world around you
- It helps young people become future entrepreneurs

## Explore teaching

[Vjendra's Story](#)

[Every Lesson  
Shapes a Life](#)

## The right skills to teach?

[Love to keep  
learning?](#)

[Love to nurture  
imagination?](#)

What makes a great  
teacher?

## GCSE

While there are different routes you can take to be a teacher there are a few essential things that you will need:

- A minimum GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and maths (plus science if you want to teach primary)

A degree or equivalent qualification

### A level

A levels are 2 years of study

### T Level

T Levels are nationally recognised, technical qualifications for 16–19-year-olds. Designed by leading employers, one T Level is equivalent in size to 3 A Levels

### Vocational/Technical Qualification

These include BTEC, Applied General Qualifications (AGQ) and Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQ) – all at Level 3

### Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are jobs which combine practical work and study. Intermediate is Level 2, Advanced is Level 3

### Degree

#### Complete a degree course

It is possible to get QTS as part of an undergraduate degree, for example:

- Bachelor of Arts (BA) with QTS
- Bachelor of Education (BEd) with QTS
- Bachelor of Science (BSc) with QTS

### Level 4/5 qualifications

Complete a L4/5 course and top up to a degree – L4/5 includes Certificate of HE, Diploma of HE, Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), HNC, HND and Foundation degrees

Top up to a degree (Level 6) in a year of full-time study

### Higher apprenticeships

Higher level apprenticeship (foundation degree / Level 5)

### Degree apprenticeships

Degree apprenticeship (Level 6-7). There is a Level 6 Teaching apprenticeship programme

**Initial Teacher Training (ITT) with qualified teacher status (QTS)**

**Teacher**

# Why not teach activity?

- Pick a topic in Mathematics you think you would like to try and teach
- Agree your choice of topic with your teacher and the length of session (and with which group)  
(It may be the perfect opportunity to try this with a younger class lower down the school, or as a transition activity for Y6)
- Plan a short activity to cover the topic in a way you feel will be engaging and memorable for your peers as part of a lesson starter, main activity or plenary

## Consider:

- What are you trying to achieve (teach)? Be clear what information you intend to impart
- How will you make it fun? How will you make it 'stick'? How long will this take?
- What type of activity will you plan for? (written/practical)
- How will you know others have learned it?
- How will you make sure everyone is stretched and challenged?
- What will the end-product be?

Once you have checked it with your teacher, try the lesson with a small group (as agreed by your teacher)  
Try and get feedback during and after the session from those in the lessons and from the teacher

## After, consider:

- What you enjoyed about the experience
- Whether this is something, with training, you would enjoy
- How you felt when others learned from you

## 5 | Non-obvious jobs using Mathematics: Ever thought about..?

➤ [How to become a Catchment Officer: Liam's story](#)

➤ [How to become a Farmer: Aimee's story](#)

➤ [How to become a Corporate Social Responsibility coordinator: Ben's story](#)

➤ [Careers ideas and information - Maths](#)

➤ [Credit Manager | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

➤ [Private Practice Accountant | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)

➤ [Quantity Surveyor | Explore careers | National Careers Service](#)



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhst2sg>



<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

# MYPATH Job of the week (Mathematics)



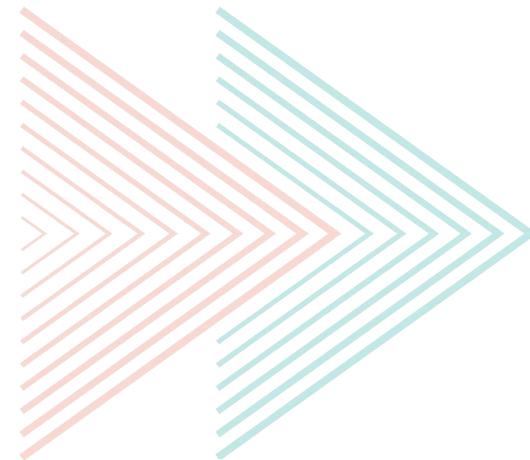
Actuary



Quantity Surveyor



Financial Advisor



# MYPATH Maths: Why bother?



## KS3:

2D Shapes

3D Shapes

Angles

Area

Averages

Data

Decimals

Distance

Estimation

Equations

Finance

Fractions

Graphs

Inequalities

Measurement

Multiples

Operations

Patterns

Percentages

Perimeter

Place Value

Positive and Negative Numbers

Powers and Roots

Probability

Proportion

Pythagoras

Ratio

Speed

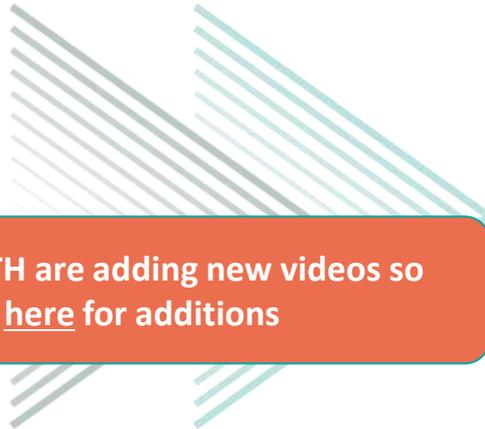
Standard Form

Symmetry

Time

Transformations

Trigonometry



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# MYPATH Maths: Why bother?



## KS4:

2D Shapes

Fractions

Quadratic Equations

Transformations

3D Shapes

Geometry

Powers and Roots

Trigonometry

Algebra

Graphs

Pythagoras

Vectors

Angles

Inequalities

Ratio

Whole Numbers

Approximation

Measurement

Sequences

Area

Multiples

Simultaneous Equations

Circles

Percentages

Standard Form

Data

Probability

Statistics

Decimals

Problem Solving

Finance

Proportion

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# Mathematics careers in a changing world: How can I future-proof my career pathway?

The world will be changing drastically in the next few years to cope with the impact of climate change and nature loss, and the need to lower greenhouse gas emissions and unsustainable practices. How might this steer your choice of career path using your Mathematics skills?

**Sustainability** means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.  
*(UN definition)*



# Mathematics careers in a changing world



Climate Scientist



Careers in Ethical Banking



Consultant (Element Energy)

**Every career can be sustainable**

1. Use your skills and passion for sustainability to help businesses adapt
2. Work for a company with sustainable values
3. Innovate for a sustainable future





# A spotlight on Technicians using Mathematics

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Discover here how the technical jobs related to Mathematics keep industries moving and the real difference technicians make in our lives.

R097  
Logistics  
Technician

R103  
Transport  
and Planning  
Technician

R007  
Air Traffic  
Controller

R032  
Data  
Technician

R051  
Geospatial  
Survey  
Technician

R070  
Nuclear  
Technician





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Aircraft  
Maintenanc  
e Technician

R022  
Civil  
Engineering  
Technician

R024  
Clinical  
Coder

R092  
Surveying  
Technician

R011  
Architectural  
Technician

R088 Space  
Engineering  
Technician



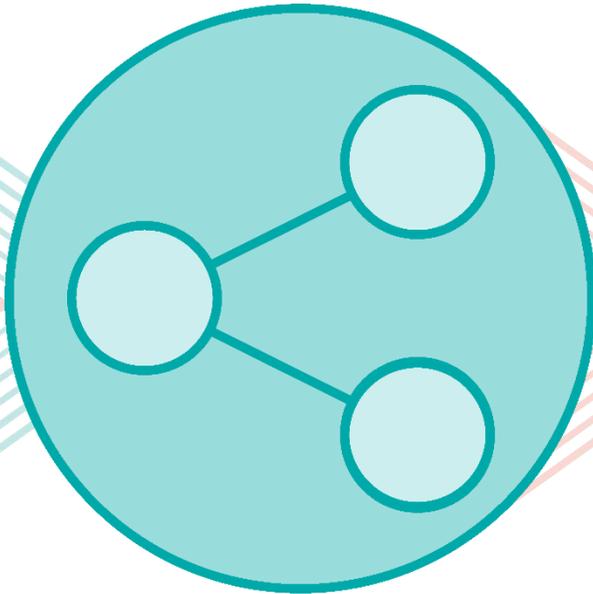


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## 7 | Mathematics Pathways



Combine Study  
and Work



Study



Work

# 7 | Combine Study and Work

## Apprenticeships

- Economist
- Aerospace Engineer
- Clinical Coder
- Accountant
- Civil Engineer
- Insurance Practitioner
- Chartered Surveyor
- Debt Adviser
- First Officer Pilot
- Senior Investment Professional
- Engineering Technician

## T Levels

- [T Levels | National Careers Service](#)
- [T Levels | Building Services Engineering for Construction](#)
- [T Levels | Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction](#)
- [T Levels | Digital Business Services](#)
- [T Levels | Accounting](#)
- [T Levels | Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control](#)
- [T Levels | Finance](#)

## VTQs

[Vocational Technical Qualifications \(VTQs\) | National Careers Service](#)

- Engineering Design
- Engineering Manufacture
- Engineering programmable Systems
- Enterprise and Marketing
- Business
- Core Maths



[Find more >](#)



# 7 | Study Pathways

## HTQs (Higher Technical Qualifications)

Higher technical qualifications (HTQs) | National Careers Service

**You might find courses in:**

- Mathematics
- Accounting and Finance
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Accounting
- General Engineering

## A levels

A levels | National Careers Service

**You might find courses in:**

- Mathematics
- Further Mathematics
- Statistics
- Statistical Problem Solving using Software
- Economics
- Accounting

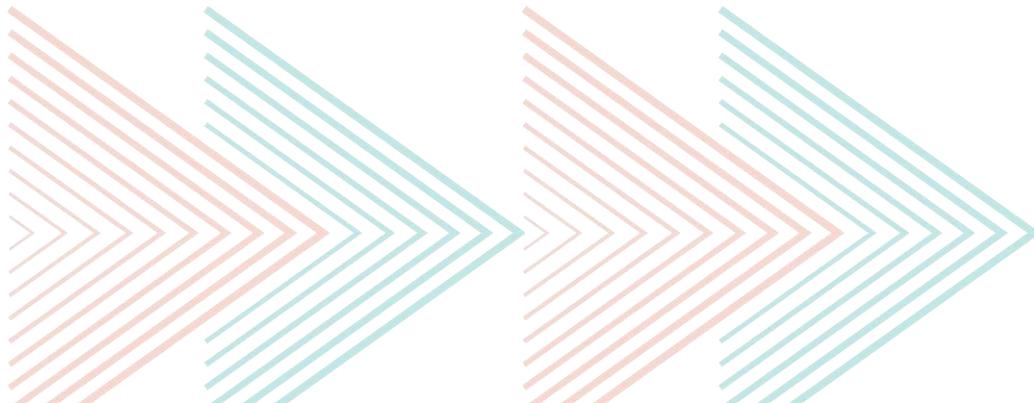
## Higher education

Higher education | National Careers Service

You can explore undergraduate courses in Mathematics

**You might find courses in:**

- Actuarial Mathematics
- Accounting
- Mathematics
- Accounting and Finance
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Banking and Finance
- Finance, Investment and Risk
- Agri-Business Management
- Accounting with data Science
- Accounting with Economics
- Accounting and Law





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# 7 | Work Pathways

## Supported internships with an education, health and care plan

[Supported internships | National Careers Service](#)

### Watch Saul's story

#### You might read about:

- [Access to Work Funding](#) (if you have a disability or health condition)
- [Preparing for Adulthood](#)
- [Talking Futures](#) (A parents' toolkit for career conversations)

## School leaver schemes

[School leaver schemes | National Careers Service](#)

#### You might read about:

- [How to fill in an application form](#)
- [How to write a CV](#)
- [Interview help](#)
- [Progressing your career](#) (Careers Advice from NCS)



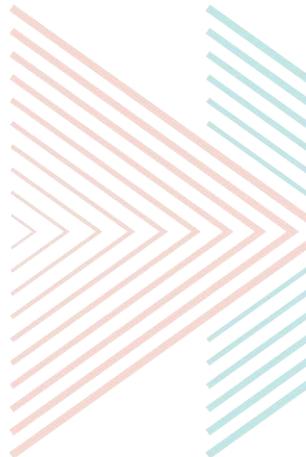
# 7 | University League Tables

See at a glance the university ranking for Mathematics

[Mathematics Rankings \(thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk\)](https://thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk)

**Filter by:**

- Overall score
- Entry standards
- Student satisfaction
- Research quality
- Research intensity
- Graduate prospects



# Discover Uni

Have you ever  
considered if higher  
education is right  
for you?

1. Go to <https://discoveruni.gov.uk/>

2. Search for a course or subject

(You should get a page of search results, you can filter these by university or college, whether you want to study full or part time or perhaps you want to see that courses are near you)

Once you have had a look at a few different courses and subjects now it is time to compare some side by side

3. Check out this video which shows you how to use our comparison tool <https://youtu.be/dBFzCQgTp8I> -  
Pick 5 courses and add these as a saved course and then you can compare

4. Once you have your chosen five side by side, try to answer the following questions:

- a. What kinds of qualifications do students on the course have when they start the course?
- b. How many have a placement year?
- c. How many courses let you study abroad?
- d. Which has the highest student satisfaction rating? How do you know this?
- e. What kinds of job do graduates from this course go on to?
- f. Which course has the highest salary after three years? (higher/lower than national average)
- g. Choose your favourite course and explain why you chose this course over the others?

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Is the data I am looking at for a course or a subject?

- a. What year, or years, does the data relate to?
- b. How many students or graduates is this data based on?
- c. Does the data represent all the students on the course or subject area?
- d. Does the data include people like me?
- e. What factors might impact the data?



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**In 10 years time...**

**Job in 10 years time (related to Mathematics):**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What GCSEs helped you get this job:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**What KS5 Pathways choice did you make and what did you study:**

Apprenticeship    T level    A Level    other L3 equivalent  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Post 18 pathways choices did you make: explain:**

Study & Work                      Study                      Work  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Essential skills used in the job:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Progression route:**  
\_\_\_\_\_



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## My local options...

**Subject chosen (related to Mathematics):**  
\_\_\_\_\_

Local college options:

Local apprenticeships options:

Other options:

**The pros and cons of these options for me:**

**Pros:**

**Cons:**

**Consider how these will apply and explain:**

Cost \_\_\_\_\_

Travel \_\_\_\_\_

Convenience \_\_\_\_\_

Aspirations \_\_\_\_\_

Personal circumstances \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Final choice – justify:**  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Next steps:**  
\_\_\_\_\_



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**Prepare a 3 - 5 minute talk to share with a small group on any role that interests you related to Mathematics**



What's the role



Where do you need to go to carry out the role



Where has the interest come from



What's the chances of getting this role



What do you need to do to become one



Who do you look up to in this role



Where can you go to study and what level of study



What might a typical day look like

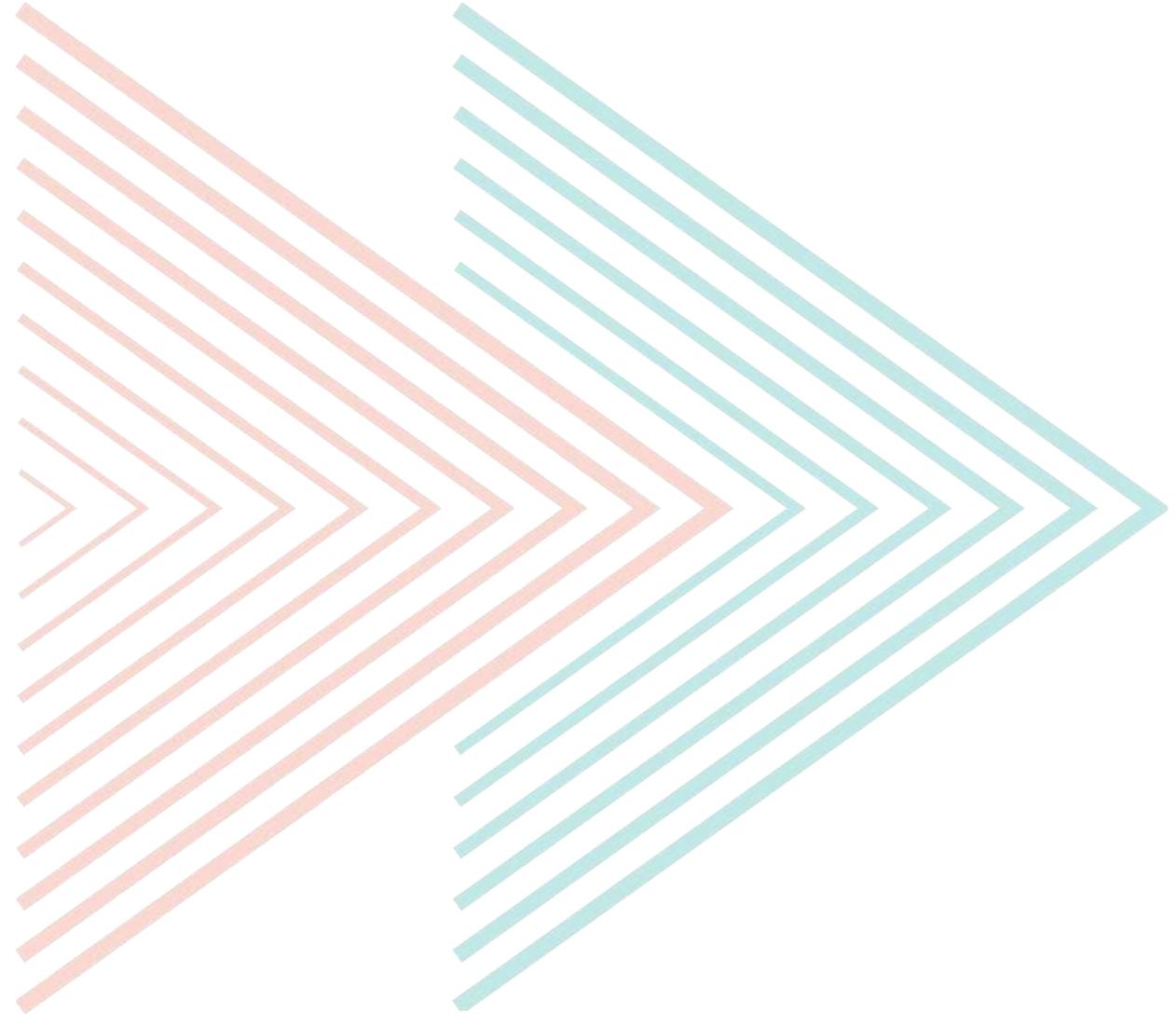


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**My career path....**





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# Essential Skills

Here are three key skills needed for a career that uses

Mathematics



The ability to use tactics and strategies to overcome setbacks and achieve goals

[Watch here](#)

[Short Lesson Staying Positive Step 6-8](#)

[Short Lesson Staying Positive Step 8-10](#)

[Short Lesson Staying Positive Step 10-12](#)



The ability to set clear, tangible goals and devise a robust route to achieving them

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[Short Lesson Aiming High Step 6-8](#)

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The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge

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[Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 6-8](#)

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	Video	Skills Builder Resource KS3	Skills Builder Resource KS4	Skills Builder Resource Post 16
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	<b>Staying Positive</b>	<b>I can do this</b>
Step 6	I keep trying when something goes wrong and encourage others to keep trying too	
Step 7	I look for opportunities in difficult situations	
Step 8	I look for opportunities in difficult situations, and share these with others	
Step 9	I look for opportunities in difficult situations, and adapt plans to use the opportunities	
Step 10	I look for opportunities in difficult situations, and create new plans to use the opportunities	
Step 11	I identify risks and gains in opportunities	
Step 12	I identify risks and gains in opportunities, and make plans to manage them	

**My Strength (s)**

**My area (s) of Development**

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	<b>Aiming High</b>	Tick which apply
Step 6	I set goals informed by an understanding of what is needed	
Step 7	I set goals, ordering the prioritising tasks to achieve them	
Step 8	I set goals and secure the right resources to achieve them	
Step 9	I set goals and plan to involve others in the best way	
Step 10	I create plans that are informed by my skill set and that of others	
Step 11	I create plans that include clear targets to make progress tangible	
Step 12	I create plans that are informed by external views, including constructive criticism	

**My Strength (s)**

**My area (s) of Development**



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	<b>Problem Solving</b>	I can do this
Step 6	I explore complex problems by identifying when there are no simple technical solutions	
Step 7	I explore complex problems by building my understanding through research	
Step 8	I explore complex problems by analysing the causes and effects	
Step 9	I create solutions for complex problems by generating a range of options	
Step 10	I create solutions for complex problems by evaluating the positive and negative effects of a range of options	
Step 11	I analyse complex problems by logical reasoning	
Step 12	I analyse complex problems by creating and testing hypotheses	

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Where can studying Mathematics take you?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tutor group: \_\_\_\_\_

Can you crack the code to reveal the four job roles linked to Maths. Use the key below:

Q1	A.	Letter	Q2	A.	Letter	Q3	A.	Letter	Q4	A.	Letter
34 + 2			39 + 3			20 - 18			100 - 99		
84 + 4			25 + 5			3 x 5			9 + 3		
5 - 4			100 - 80			100 - 85			100 + 5		
30 - 16			15 + 3			10 + 1			7 x 3		
15 + 5			150 + 10						0 + 1		
20 - 11			6 x 3			-3 + 14			180 + 10		
80 - 60			-5 + 20			50 + 10			100 + 4		
75 + 3			144 + 12			3 + 2					
			30 - 35			4 x 4					
38 + 2			14 - 7			-5 + 10					
42 + 2			81 + 9			2 x 9					
50 - 32			57 + 3								
11 x 2			10 x 2								
4 + 1											
52											
8 + 7											
2 x 32											

Key:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

Use the [National Careers Service](#) website to help. You can use their 'job profiles'.

What is the role of the job revealed in question 1 and what is their average salary? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

What is the role of the job revealed in question 2 and what is their average salary? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the role of the job revealed in question 3 and what is their average salary? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the role of the job revealed in question 4 and what is their average salary? \_\_\_\_\_

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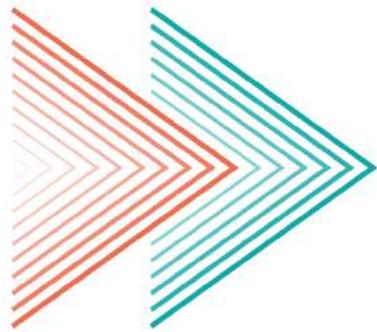
Creation of homework task accredited to Wolverley CE Secondary School, Worcestershire Careers hub.

**Explore careers**

Find out what a job involves and if it's right for you.

Use the National  
Careers Service  
Explore careers tool  
to research for this  
homework

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