## Why Teach Mathematics?

We believe that mathematics will allow students to establish life-long skills to make informed decisions and choices throughout their lives. Our curriculum aims to support children in securing conceptual understanding through:

- making rich connections across mathematical ideas to develop fluency, reasoning and solving increasingly sophisticated problems.
- using concrete manipulatives to support conceptual understanding.
- the use of variation to help children notice and understand pattern and structure
- fostering and maintaining a curiosity about mathematics in the world around us.
- developing an appreciation of the beauty and elegance of mathematics.
- applying their mathematical knowledge to other areas of the curriculum.

We want our children to be able to think like mathematicians and provide them with the necessary financial literacy and mathematical knowledge in preparation for the next step in their educational journey and ultimate employment.


## Progression of Substantive Concepts

Schemes of work create a spiral curriculum designed to embed the practice of retrieval persistently throughout the subject, so students retain and build upon knowledge throughout their time at NIA.

We revisit concepts each year but add complexity to the units studied to ensure to develop confidence and fluency in the subject.

In Key Stage 5 we further develop the concepts learnt prior and offer the opportunities to utilise mathematical concepts in broader contexts.


## Learning for Life and Careers

## Employability skills

Resilience, inquisitiveness, problem solving, making connections and identify pattens, explain, justify, reason logically, numeracy skills, communicate confidently.
Linking the curriculum to careers
Year group specific careers lessons delivered throughout the year.
Encounters with employers
Opportunity to speak to employers at careers fairs and work experience in Y10 and Y12.
Examples of qualification pathways
Students studying Maths at a higher level have access to some of the highest paid careers; if studying an A-Level in Maths, (the most popular ALevel in England), students can earn on average $11 \%$ more.
A-Level Maths is one of the most widely accepted and respected subject choice by universities and will keep your options open. Maths and Further Mathematics are 'facilitating subjects' which means they are amongst the most asked for by universities.

Degree choices where A-level Mathematics is an essential requirement of nearly all universities: Actuarial Science, Aeronautical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Economics, Electrical/Electronic Engineering, Engineering
(General), Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Physics, Statistics,
Degree choices where A-level Mathematics is listed as useful by most universities: Accountancy, Architecture, Biochemistry, Biology, Biomedical Sciences (including Medical Science), Business Studies, Chemistry, Computer Science, Dentistry, Dietetics, Geography - Some Geography BSc (science) degrees prefer one from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics or Physics, Law - facilitating subjects at A-level are useful when applying for Law, Management Studies, Nursing and Midwifery.

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