

Transition to GCSE Maths with UTC South Durham

As part of your preparation for joining us at UTC South Durham in September I have set you a task to be attempted on an online platform called MathsWatch. You have the option of two different tasks, “Transition to GCSE Foundation” or “Transition to GCSE Higher”. If you are targeted a GCSE grade of 1-4 you should be working on the Foundation task, if you are targeted a GCSE grade of 5-9 you should be working on the Higher task. If you aren’t sure, then start with the Foundation task, and if you find that easy, have a go at the Higher task.

You will find some of the questions challenging, and some of the topics unfamiliar, the tasks are designed to give you a flavour of the type of topics which you will see during the GCSE course. There are supporting videos for every question, which you should watch if you aren’t sure about what to do.

How to complete the task

- Visit <https://vle.mathswatch.co.uk/>
- Your username is FirstInitialSurname@UTCSouthDurham, for example my login is ABlackett@UTCSouthDurham
- Your password is UTC118
- You have been set two different tasks, each question has a supporting video, if you don’t know how to do the question then watch the supporting video first
- If you have problems getting logged in, then try coming back to the website later, it has been busy at periods recently and tends to be more responsive in the afternoon
- If you still have problems getting started then email me at Andrew.Blackett@UTCSouthDurham.org and I will try and help
- I will be able to see your answers, which will give us some idea of your mathematical ability before we see you in September.

I don’t expect you to be getting all the answers right, so don’t worry about it if there are some areas you don’t understand. I would expect this task to take around 2 hours.