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Teaching A level Mathematics (TAM)

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Overview

Teaching A level Mathematics (TAM) is a [sustained professional development course](#), designed to support the development of teaching skills and subject knowledge of teachers new to teaching AS/A level Mathematics.

TAM features:

- eight course days, spread over 12 months, devoted to deepening subject knowledge, developing teaching approaches and reflecting on classroom practice
- two formative lesson observations conducted by a subject specialist
- textbooks to support your studies
- access to online teaching and learning resources

Aims

- Develop your confidence with the concepts in AS/A level Mathematics
- Deliver more engaging and relevant maths lessons, with improved progress through differentiated learning

Who will benefit from attending?

The Teaching A level Mathematics (TAM) course has been designed to support teachers of GCSE Mathematics who wish to teach A level Mathematics for the first time. However, many teachers with experience of teaching A level Mathematics have enrolled on the course, often on the recommendation of colleagues who have completed TAM, in order to deepen their subject knowledge and gain new ideas for teaching.

Course days

We are not currently taking applications for TAM but we anticipate that we will commence the next course in July 2021. It will be run at a number of central locations spread across England which are accessible by public transport.

All venues follow the same pattern of study days as shown in the table below. All days run from 1000-1600.

Day	Format	When?
1	A single weekday	July
2	A single weekday	September
3 & 4	Two consecutive weekdays	November/December
5 & 6	Two consecutive weekdays	March
7 & 8	Two consecutive weekdays	June

Frequently Asked Questions

I am already teaching A level Mathematics but would like further ideas and a deeper understanding of the pedagogy. Is this course for me?

The course is primarily designed for teachers who require support in order to teach A level Mathematics for the first time and would otherwise not teach at this level. However, many course participants in the position described in the question say that they have benefited from the course, having gained deeper insights and that their A level teaching has become far more effective.

How much of my time will it take up?

Over the 12 months of the course (incorporating a summer holiday for private study), you will be expected to learn the content of A level maths with various elements of support including website resources and email support. The amount of time this takes will depend largely on how challenging you find this material.

What happens on course days?

At the start of the course, you will know which topics will be covered on each course day. In advance of each course day there will be suggested work to help you prepare for the day in the form of working through part of a textbook chapter, looking at online resources or reading an article to stimulate your thinking. On a typical course day there will be three maths sessions (focussing on the pure maths content of A level maths and with a specific focus such as use of questioning, use of ICT, insights through multiple representations, differentiation, group work, assessment, etc). In addition there will be at least one session when the group reflects on the experience and how it can be adapted for use in your own classrooms. For some course days, participants are required to prepare short presentations to describe to a small group of peers the impact of a resource or teaching approach on their students.

What happens if my timetable changes during the year?

If you no longer meet the teaching requirements as outlined in the eligibility section or 'criteria for offering places' document then you will need to withdraw from the course immediately.

What qualification will I earn?

You are able to complete the TAM Certificate. The elements which comprise the TAM Certificate are actively participating in all course days, completing two school-based lesson observations and completing two maths assignments. The two maths assignments are based on exam-style questions. These are requested by the participant and emailed out on the requested day. The participant then has seven days to complete the assignment before returning it in the post to the marker.

I have completed the Preparing to teach A level Mathematics course. Should I do this course?

The *Preparing to teach A level Mathematics* course has been designed by our team of TAM Course Leads and draws on elements of the TAM course. Teachers who have completed the Preparing to teach A level Mathematics course should not do TAM as well.

Eligibility

In order to participate in TAM, you must be teaching in a state-funded school or college in England.

In addition, applicants must have a minimum of two hours or two lessons per week of AS/A level or IB Mathematics on their timetable for the whole academic year. This teaching should include the teaching of some pure maths content within AS/A/IB level Mathematics (i.e. not only statistics and/or mechanics content). The teaching must be timetabled lessons to an entire class and the applicant must be the member of staff who has sole responsibility for planning and teaching this content and these lessons every week. Please note that small group tutorials, revision groups or team teaching are not acceptable.

Please see our [criteria for offering places](#) document for more information.

Cost

The course fee for TAM is £600. The fee covers the course days, two years access to MEIs online [Integral](#) resources, including additional extensive course materials, and textbooks covering A level Mathematics content. Every year we have responded to the requests of participants and offered additional support to meet their needs in areas such as the effective use of dynamic geometry and anticipate that such events would again be planned during 2021-22.

If you are working in a state-funded school or college, participation in this course attracts a reimbursement of course fees plus £400, subject to engagement and completion of the course.

Schools and colleges located within [Priority Areas](#) are eligible to receive a further subsidy of £200 to support staff cover and travel costs.

Key Facts

Event ref:	#7281
Audience:	Teachers
Curriculum focus:	A level Mathematics
Mathematical focus:	Pure
Event format:	Sustained Professional Development
Event length:	12 months
Study days:	8
Region:	South West
Venue:	Mercure Southgate Hotel, Southernhay East, Exeter, EX1 1QF
Start date:	Fri 20th Nov 2020
Course times:	10:00 - 16:00
Fee:	£600
State-sector subsidy:	£1000
Priority Area subsidy:	£1200

Registration

For more information, or to register for this event, please visit <https://amsp.org.uk/events/details/7281>