

FUNCTIONAL SKILLS MATHS AT SILVERDALE SCHOOL

Functional skills is a pathway designed to allow students to practice key skills in maths, in relation to problem solving, as well as real life situations. Students go on to Functional Skills Level 1 when they reach Year 10, and their assessment data places them below a Year 7 standard of work. This facilitates students to work towards a meaningful qualification that supports them to be functional in maths.

The Functional skills curriculum allows students to work at their own pace, with an emphasis on revisiting concepts to support retention of knowledge, and develop skills and exam technique. Students are taught content based upon prior knowledge, as well as addressing gaps that are found from the school's rigorous assessment policy. Topics can be revisited and revised with support from the teacher when necessary.

Functional Skills qualifications serve as the next step from Entry Level, as the school uses the same exam board, and students who have been on the entry level pathway will be able to see how the Entry level exams flow into the Functional skills exams, down to the layout of the exam papers, as well as the techniques needed to gain marks.