My mathematical journey

What do I need to remember from before?

Plotting graphs (A6)

y = mx + c (A6)

Finding gradient (A6)

Ratio tables and direct proportion (NP10, NP11)

What will I learn about in this unit?

Reading, drawing and interpreting graphs used in various contexts

Finding speed

Distance-time and speed-time graphs

Where does this lead?

Compound units: speed, density, pressure and more (NP13)

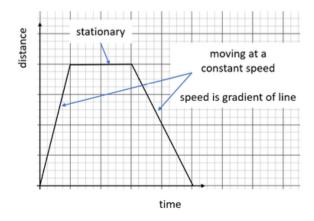
Gradient of and area under of non-linear graphs (A16)

Key words and symbols: what I need to say and write accurately

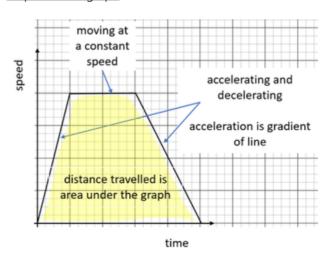
Rey words and symbols. What i need to say and write accurately		
Word	Explanation	
gradient	the steepness of a line: for every one unit right, it is the number of units up/down.	
	On a contextual graph, the gradient represents the change in the vertical quantity per one unit of the horizontal quantity e.g. the exchange rate between two currencies, or the cost per unit time.	
y-intercept	where a graph crosses the y -axis On a contextual graph, the y -intercept represents the value of the vertical quantity when the horizontal quantity is 0 e.g. a fixed or standing charge	
speed	a quantity that combines distance and time, working out the distance travelled per one unit of time. e.g. miles in 1 hour (miles per hour, mph), or metres in 1 second (metres per second, m/s)	

Fingertip facts: what I need to learn by heart

A distance-time graph



A speed-time graph



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My mathematical journey

What do I need to remember from before?

Solving linear equations (A4)

Rearranging formulae (A5)

$$y = mx + c$$
 (A6)

Linear inequalities (A8)

What will I learn about in this unit?

Solving problems with graphs

Finding lines parallel and perpendicular to others

Solving simultaneous equations

Plotting inequalities in two dimensions

Where does this lead?

Quadratic graphs (A12)

Non-linear simultaneous equations, non-linear inequalities (A14)

Tangents and normal (A15)

Gradient of a curve (A16)

Using graphs to represent complex problems (A Level Maths)

Key words and symbols: what I need to say and write accurately

Word	Explanation
y-intercept	where a graph crosses the y -axis
x-intercept or root	where a graph crosses the x -axis
satisfy	a number satisfies an equation when it solves the equation
gradient	the steepness of a line
parallel	describing two lines that have the same gradient, so will never intersect
perpendicular	describing two lines that meet at right angles to each other
to intersect	to cross – we say two lines intersect
simultaneously	at the same time
I	is parallel to
Τ	is perpendicular to
region	an area on a graph
boundary	a line that marks the edge of a region

Fingertip facts: what I need to learn by heart

If a point (x, y) lies on a line, its coordinates can be substituted for y and x in the equation of the line and they will satisfy the equation.

The gradient of a line is the amount up/down it moves for every one unit right. We can work this out by calculating the ratio $\frac{\text{vertical}}{\text{horizontal}}$ between two points on the line.

The gradients of parallel lines are the same.

The gradients of perpendicular lines are the negative reciprocal of each other: $+\frac{a}{b} \perp -\frac{b}{a}$

On the y-axis, x = 0. On the x-axis, y = 0.

When we solve simultaneous equations, we find the point of intersection of graphs of the two equations.

