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Welcome to the first edition of the GCSE Maths Pilot Newsletter. As well as regular updates, we will be publishing the newsletter throughout the academic year, providing you with important information about key dates, upcoming training events as well as details of the wide range of resources available to you as practitioners.

### Key Dates - Summer 2011 Examination Series

Dates	Unit title	Unit code
21 <sup>st</sup> February 2011	Final date for on-time entries to be received	5AM1F, 5AM1H, 5MM1F, 5MM1H
22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2011	Higher late fees may be charged from this date	5AM1F, 5AM1H, 5MM1F, 5MM1H
21 <sup>st</sup> March 2011	Final date for requesting access arrangements	5AM1F, 5AM1H, 5MM1F, 5MM1H
6 <sup>th</sup> June pm 2011	Exam - Application of Mathematics Unit 1	5AM1F, 5AM1H
10 <sup>th</sup> June am 2011	Exam - Application of Mathematics Unit 2	5AM2F, 5AM2H
13 <sup>th</sup> June pm 2011	Exam - Methods of Mathematics Unit 1	5MM1F, 5MM1H
21 <sup>st</sup> June am 2011	Exam - Methods of Mathematics Unit 2	5MM2F, 5MM2H
24 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Restricted release of results to centres only	5AM1F, 5AM1H, 5MM1F, 5MM1H
25 <sup>th</sup> August 2011	Release of results to candidates	5AM1F, 5AM1H, 5MM1F, 5MM1H
20 <sup>th</sup> September 2011	Last date for receipt by Edexcel for Enquiries about Results applications	5AM1F, 5AM1H, 5MM1F, 5MM1H
31 <sup>st</sup> October 2011	Certificates in centres by this date	5AM1F, 5AM1H, 5MM1F, 5MM1H

The next assessment opportunity (after Summer 2011) will be November 2011. Dates are yet to be confirmed and will be released to centres during Summer 2011.

## Forums

We are currently putting together a package of Forums that we hope to run in the New Year. It is very much hoped that forums will be run across the country and provides practitioners with the opportunity to share good practice. The first session will be taking place in the North West in the New Year. Details will be circulated shortly.

## Training

In May 2010 we delivered face to face Unit 1 training - which was available to all pilot centres - followed by Unit 2 training in October. The next set of face to face training will take place in Autumn 2011. In the meantime we have a pre-recorded web session which can be downloaded from the website in the New Year. Live web sessions will be taking place in the Spring. Details on how to book a place on a live web sessions will be emailed to you shortly.

## Resources

Resources currently available on our website include: The specifications, schemes of work, content exemplifications, the online book, pilot content comparison documentation and sample assessment materials.

We are also delighted to inform you that mock papers are now available for both Applications of Mathematics and Methods in Mathematics. These include associated mark schemes. To download these, please visit the link below, and select 'Mock Papers'.

[www.edexcel.com/quals/pilots/linked-pair-pilot](http://www.edexcel.com/quals/pilots/linked-pair-pilot)

Post for you!

Look out for the online book - which we will be sending you in the New Year on a disc.

If you have feedback on any of our resources please let us know by emailing:

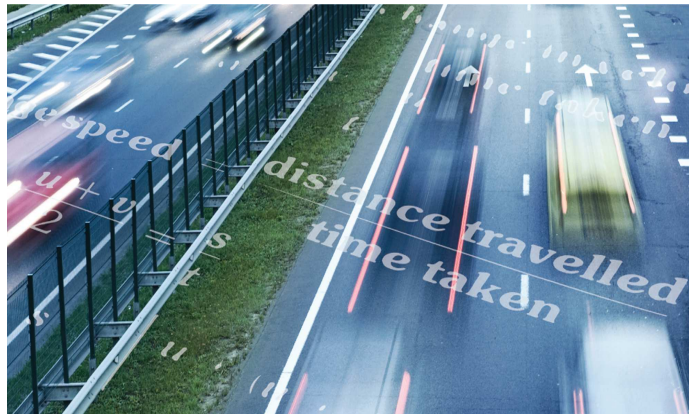
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## Secure content

All support documentation for the pilot can be found on our website. Most of the documents are saved securely and therefore need an Edexcel Online username and password to be accessed.

If you don't yet have an Edexcel Online account and need to access these documents please speak to your Exams Officer who can set this up for you.

If you do have an Edexcel Online account but are experiencing problems accessing the maths documents please let us know by emailing: [gcsemathspilot@edexcel.com](mailto:gcsemathspilot@edexcel.com)



## Useful Information

Have you seen the Department workshop on the NCETM website called 'Preparing to teach the Linked-Pair Pilot GCSEs' <https://www.ncetm.org.uk/resources/24354>. The purpose of this workshop is to support mathematics departments in their preparation to teach the Linked-Pair Pilot GCSEs. You will explore the content of the specifications and begin the process of creating resources for the areas of learning that have not been taught in mainstream GCSE mathematics for many years.

Additional support is available by joining the forum on the NCETM portal. This is a space to communicate with other centres from all the examination boards who are trialling the Linked Pair of GCSEs this year - to do this please contact [sue.madgwick@ncetm.org.uk](mailto:sue.madgwick@ncetm.org.uk).

## Your Contributions

We are keen to hear from you as practitioners and share your experiences about the Pilot. We will be contacting you prior to each publication offering you the chance to have your say to the wider Pilot community!

### Do we know how to contact you?

If you are no longer the person to whom all GCSE Maths Linked Pair Pilot information should be sent, or you have changed your email address please contact [gcsemathspilot@edexcel.com](mailto:gcsemathspilot@edexcel.com) to update us.

### Do you know how to contact us?

#### Who's who...

If you have any queries about the GCSE Maths Linked Pair Pilot please get in touch. To contact the Pilots Team directly please email [gcsemathspilot@edexcel.com](mailto:gcsemathspilot@edexcel.com) or call our customer service team who are available to answer any queries you may have. If they can't, they will pass your question to one of our specialists who can. You can call them on 0844 576 0027.

You can access all materials related to the Maths Pilot at [www.edexcel.com/quals/pilots/linked-pair-pilot](http://www.edexcel.com/quals/pilots/linked-pair-pilot)

Our Ask the Expert email service puts you in direct contact with a senior examiner who will help to answer any subject-specific questions concerning the assessment of mathematics. The examiner will email you within two working days of receiving your question.

Please email [gcsemaths@edexcelexperts.co.uk](mailto:gcsemaths@edexcelexperts.co.uk)

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