



Year 13 Further CORE Mathematics	Working towards expected outcomes	Working at expected outcomes	Working beyond expected outcomes
<b>Autumn Term</b>	<p>Your child is not yet making the expected progress within this course.</p> <p>Students working <b>towards</b> expected outcomes in Y13 can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Convert between Cartesian (x, y) and polar (r, <math>\theta</math>) coordinates using <math>x = r \cos \theta</math>, <math>y = r \sin \theta</math> and sketch simple curves (e.g. <math>r = a</math>, <math>r = a \cos \theta</math>).</li> <li>Set up the area integral <math>A = \frac{1}{2} \int r^2 d\theta</math> for a single petal or loop of a polar curve <math>r =</math> basic trig function, and evaluate it.</li> <li>Obtain <math>dy/dx</math> for a polar curve and identify where the tangent is horizontal or vertical.</li> <li>Solve homogeneous second-order DEs of the form <math>y'' + a y' + b y = 0</math> by forming and solving the auxiliary equation and writing the complementary function.</li> </ul>	<p>Your child is achieving the expected progress for this point within the course.</p> <p>Students working <b>at</b> expected in Y13 can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sketch more complex polar curves (e.g. <math>r = a + b \cos n\theta</math>, <math>r^2 = a^2 \cos 2\theta</math>); determine symmetry, intercepts and loop-limits.</li> <li>Find the exact area for one complete loop of <math>r = a \sin n\theta</math> or <math>r = a + b \cos n\theta</math> by choosing the correct <math>\theta</math>-interval.</li> <li>Derive and simplify <math>dy/dx</math> for <math>r(\theta)</math> using product and chain rules; solve for <math>\theta</math> where <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><math>dy/d\theta = 0</math> (tangent parallel to initial line)</li> <li><math>dx/d\theta = 0</math> (tangent perpendicular to initial line).</li> </ul> </li> <li>Solve non-homogeneous DEs <math>y'' + a y' + b y = f(x)</math> for <math>f(x)</math> a polynomial, exponential or trig function by undetermined coefficients, and write the full general solution.</li> </ul>	<p>Your child is exceeding the expected progress.</p> <p>Students working <b>beyond</b> expected in Y13 can:  <b>In addition to the skills listed under 'Working At' for this topic, students working beyond expected outcomes can:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackle boundary-value problems (e.g. <math>y(0) = 0</math>, <math>y(L) = 0</math>) for second-order DEs and discuss existence and uniqueness of solutions.</li> <li>Solve cases where <math>f(x)</math> matches a complementary-function term by finding the correct modified particular integral.</li> <li>Analyse simple harmonic motion <math>y'' + \omega^2 y = 0</math> to derive expressions for amplitude, period and phase from given initial conditions; model vertical spring systems.</li> <li>Solve damped and forced oscillations <math>y'' + 2 \zeta \omega y' + \omega^2 y = F \cos(\Omega t)</math> to find steady-state amplitude and phase shift; discuss critical, under- and over-damping.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Spring Term</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Apply one set of initial or boundary conditions to determine the constants in a general solution</li> </ul> <p>Students working <b>towards</b> expected outcomes in Y13 can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recall definitions and sketch graphs of <math>\sinh x</math>, <math>\cosh x</math> and <math>\tanh x</math></li> <li>Prove basic hyperbolic identity <math>\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1</math> and solve simple equations <math>\sinh x = k</math> or <math>\cosh x = k</math>.</li> <li>Differentiate <math>\sinh x</math>, <math>\cosh x</math> and <math>\tanh x</math> from their exponential definitions and integrate them to recover the same functions.</li> <li>Evaluate improper integrals by interpreting <math>\int_a^\infty f(x) dx = \lim_{R \rightarrow \infty} \int_a^R</math></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Classify complementary-function solutions by the sign of the auxiliary discriminant and relate to oscillatory or exponential behaviour.</li> </ul> <p>Students working <b>at</b> expected in Y13 can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use logarithmic forms of inverse hyperbolic functions (e.g. <math>\sinh^{-1} x = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})</math>) in integration and solve more involved hyperbolic equations.</li> <li>Integrate expressions involving inverse trig and partial fractions, for example <math>\int dx/(a^2 + x^2)</math>, <math>\int x^2/[(x+1)(x^2+1)] dx</math>.</li> <li>Apply the mean-value result to real-world contexts (e.g. average velocity over a time interval).</li> <li>Differentiate <math>y = \arcsin(g(x))</math>, <math>y = \arccos(g(x))</math>, <math>y = \arctan(g(x))</math> by</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use polar area integrals to find the area between two intersecting polar curves or within multiple loops by subtracting two <math>\frac{1}{2} \int r^2 d\theta</math> integrals.</li> </ul> <p>Students working <b>beyond</b> expected in Y13 can:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tackle hyperbolic-trig integrals via substitutions (e.g. <math>x = \sinh t</math> for <math>\sqrt{1 + x^2}</math> integrals) and compare with their trigonometric analogues.</li> <li>Analyse the behaviour of inverse-trig derivatives in composite functions, including error estimates in linear approximations.</li> <li>Apply the (mean-value) theorem to prove function properties (e.g. <math>f</math> strictly increasing <math>\Rightarrow f' &gt; 0</math> somewhere in each subinterval).</li> <li>Use partial-fraction and inverse-trig techniques to solve first-order</li> </ul>
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$f(x) dx$   
or by splitting at a discontinuity,  
for simple power-law or rational  
functions.

- Compute the mean value of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$  via  
 $\bar{f} = 1/(b - a) \int_a^b f(x) dx.$

implicit differentiation and use in  
growth/decay problems.

nonlinear DEs by separation of  
variables in unfamiliar modelling  
contexts (e.g. logistic growth).

