

CULTURAL CAPITAL OPPORTUNITIES IN MATHS

	Term 1	Term 2	Term 3
Year 7	'Who invented the zero?' when looking at place value Millionaires and Billionaires, what are they? How much money is it and exactly how different are they?	Introduction to Algebra – al-jabr – looking at the Arabic roots of the term and the work of Muhammad ibn Musa al-Khwarizmi	The origins of Pi, where did it originate? Is it still used today?
Year 8	Euclid and Euclidean Geometry, etymology of the word angle Where 360 degrees comes from (Babylonians)	Famous Formulae that changed the world The history of Katherine Johnson and how she used formulae to win a presidential medal of freedom and helped pioneer the use of computers at NASA.	Bad statistics in journalism Data science of sports (Moneyball) World Series: The sports data pioneer who spotted baseball's big fix of 1919.
Year 9	Pythagoras' Theorem, history and applications beyond the classroom.	The roots of trigonometry, why did it come about and what are its uses? Is trigonometry still used today?	The probability of winning the national lottery. Code breaking, ciphers and how they helped shorten the 2 nd world war.
Year 10	Compound and simple interest, touching on mortgages and financial graphs. Links to the stock market. Scatter graphs highlighting the dangers of linking correlation and causation.	The brachistochrone problem - Find the shape of the curve down which a bead sliding from rest and accelerated by gravity will slip (without friction) from one point to another in the least time.	Probability is only as good as the data it has come from. Examples based on survivorship bias, gambling and the 'baltimore stock broker'.
Year 11	Etymology, origin and meaning of the word 'bearing'. Why do bearings have 3 digits and are they still used today?	The use of algebra in computing. Every video game relies on a whole series of functions to determine how fast the car will go/how much damage a character can take and how your character may improve with different traits etc.	How are populations of different species measured without counting each individual? Using wind vectors to map airflow for the weather forecast.