

MathsLinks Fast-track

A significant number of schools have actively taken up or are thinking of taking up a condensed KS3 in maths, with the aim of completing KS3 by the end of year 8. They have various reasons for doing this, and a common reason is to start GCSE a year early.

MathsLinks contains a Fast-Track programme, which offers an alternative and realistic scheme of work for a two-year KS3. Students following this programme will only cover those lessons that are most essential, and so will not have the 'spiral curriculum' that is a common feature of most KS3 programmes of study. There are two routes offered in MathsLinks, and each route uses different books:

1. **7C** → **8C** → **9C** (for the most able, stretching to level 8)
2. **7B** → **8B** → **9B** (for above average students, stretching to level 7)

The grid shows how MathsLinks maps to a condensed KS3, for both routes.

		Route 1	Route 2
Year 1	Autumn	7C	7B
	Spring	7C	7B
	Summer	7C	8B
Year 2	Autumn	8C/ 9C	8B
	Spring	8C/ 9C	9B
	Summer	8C/ 9C	9B

Detailed schemes of work are given for both of these routes in the MathsLinks teacher guides for years 7 and 8, both in print form and on the enclosed CD-ROM.