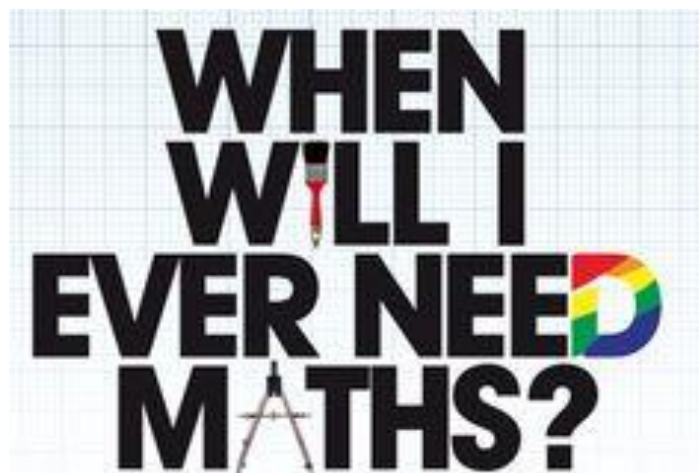


## Numeracy across the curriculum



Maths is a subject that crops up in many different places in real life. Maths isn't just something that we do in the classroom and forget about as soon as we leave Mr McMillan's lesson! Maths is all around us; it is in the projector that is used in the PAC, it is laptops that we take from the library to work on, it is in the cataloguing system that is used in the library, it is in the radio we listen to as we go home from school, it is in the bridge that we cross over as we go home from school, it is in the Xbox games that we play, it is in the food we eat. Maths is everywhere!

Maths is actually in a lot more of our subjects than we may realise too. Every time we have to measure ingredients in food technology, we are using our maths skills. In any of the science subjects, we may need to call upon our knowledge of graphs at charts at any time. Even in art, if we consider a pattern on a piece of paper, we are using our understanding of shapes and transformations. This is only a small selection of the areas in which we use our maths skills to help us succeed in other subjects. It is because maths is so key to our success throughout school, that the maths department is busy trying to do all we can to make sure that every pupil (and teacher) feels supported and confident when approaching the maths that they encounter in any subject area.

Over the coming weeks and beyond, I will be working with Heads of Department and pupils alike, to make sure that we are providing support and help wherever needed to make sure that all pupils at Gateways have the maths skills that they need to succeed in other subjects. We also want to give pupils the confidence to notice when they are using their maths skills in other subjects.

So have a look around, think about the subjects that Gateways offers pupils, think about the topics in those subjects. You might just find yourself saying, there's maths in that!

Mr Drew McMillan