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Numeracy Policy

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Headlands School is committed to raising the standards of Numeracy of all its students, so that they develop the ability to use Numeracy skills across the curriculum and thus prepare them for University and the world of work. We want students to have the ability to apply numerical understanding and skills confidently to solve problems in a variety of curriculum contexts and to cope with practical mathematical demands of everyday life.

The focus on Numeracy skills is not just the responsibility of the Mathematics department. All subjects where students are expected to apply numerical skills should be taking positive steps to develop Numeracy skills and concepts and provide opportunities for students to acquire the mathematical language crucial to understanding mathematical knowledge.

The improvement of Numeracy skills raises students' mathematical attainment, which promotes high standards in other subjects.

The main priorities of this policy are to raise standards of numeracy by ensuring:

- numeracy is embedded across the curriculum
- students have the ability to carry out basic calculations efficiently and accurately, either mentally or with pencil and paper as appropriate
- apply knowledge of number to both familiar and new circumstances and to use it in the solution of problems
- student's numeracy skills are in line with or above their mathematical level.

Numeracy has been embedded across the curriculum in the schemes of learning for each subject. Within mathematics lessons, there is frequent opportunity to apply knowledge to a range of both familiar and unfamiliar problems.

Students in year 7 will have their numeracy level tested in the first half term of the year and this will enable specific numeracy activities and problems at the correct level to be provided throughout the year to strengthen and build on existing skills.

Additionally, some pupils in years 8 to 10 will take part in the numeracy ninja program throughout the year.