

What is numeracy?

One definition is that Mathematics is the 'subject' and Numeracy is the 'application'.

Another is to think of numeracy as 'Maths for real life': paying bills, reading timetables, planning travel, budgeting, finance, choosing a mobile phone tariff, calculating percentages and understanding data are all examples of numeracy skills. Numeracy equips young people to be involved citizens, able to understand and critique data and statistics.

Numeracy within Guru Nanak Sikh Academy

At GNSA we recognise the great importance of a cross-curricular approach to numeracy. Every subject, from religious studies to science, considers numeracy as part of its curriculum and its schemes of work. We use a school-wide 'green N' strategy to make numeracy links and opportunities explicit to students in lessons outside the Maths department. We have also recently introduced Numeracy Challenges that pose questions such as 'if you could walk to the Moon, how old would you be when you got there?'