GCSE Maths Higher Formula Sheet
These formulae are not given to you and you need to know them


## Quadratic equations

The Quadratic Equation
The solutions of $a x^{2}+b x+c=0$,
where $a \neq 0$, are given by $x=-b \pm \sqrt{\left(b^{2}-4 a c\right)}$
$2 a$

Direct \& Inverse Proportion
If $x$ is directly proportional to $y^{n}$ then

$$
x \propto y^{n} \quad \text { so } \quad x=k y^{n}
$$

If $x$ is inversely proportional to $y^{n}$ then

$$
x \propto \frac{1}{y^{n}} \quad \text { so } \quad x=\frac{k}{y^{n}}
$$

## Lowest Common Multiple

The LCM of two numbers, $a$ and
$b$, is

$$
L C M=\frac{a \times b}{H C F}
$$

## Constructing Pie Charts

The angle to draw for each sector is
Angle $=\frac{\text { frequency }}{\text { total }} \times 360^{\circ}$

Length of diagonal across a Cuboid (3D Pythagoras)

$$
d^{2}=a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}
$$



Angles in Polygons
Sum of Interior Angles $=(n-2) \times 180^{\circ}$
Where $n$ is the number of sides of the shape
Exterior Angles add up to $360^{\circ}$
One exterior angle in a REGULAR polygon:

$$
\frac{360^{\circ}}{n}
$$

Pairs of Interior and Exterior Angles add up to $180^{\circ}$

## Circles

Area of a Sector

$$
A=\frac{\theta}{360^{\circ}} \times \pi r^{2}
$$

Length of an Arc

$$
A=\frac{\theta}{360^{\circ}} \times \pi d
$$

Equation of a straight Line
Given a point $\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right)$ and the gradient $m$, the equation of a straight line is

$$
y-y_{1}=m\left(x-x_{1}\right)
$$

Substitute the numbers in, expand and simplify
Perpendicular Gradients
Given a gradient of a line
$m$, the gradient of the line perpendicular to it is:


$-\frac{1}{m}$


Stratified Sampling
The frequency for a group in a stratified sample is
frequency of group total frequency $\times$ sample size

## Quadratic Sequences

The $\mathrm{n}^{\text {th }}$ term of a quadratic sequence is in the form $a n^{2}+b n+c$, where

## $2 a=2^{\text {nd }}$ difference

$3 a+b=1^{\text {st }}$ difference (between $1^{\text {st }}$ and $2^{\text {nd }}$ term) $a+b+c=1^{\text {st }}$ term in the sequence

$$
a+b+c=1^{r r} \text { term in the sequence }
$$

Median from a Histogram/Frequency Table

$$
L+\frac{m-p}{f} \times w
$$

$L$ is the lower limit of the median class $m$ is the median point
$p$ is the total frequency of the previous bars $f$ is the frequency of the median class $w$ is the class width of the median class

## Compound Growth \& Decay

The amount after $n$ years (or days, etc.) is:

$$
\underset{\text { amount }}{\operatorname{starting}} \times\left(1 \pm \frac{r}{100}\right)^{n}
$$

where $r$ is the rate of change.
The $\pm$ means + for growth and - for decay

## Trigonometric formulae

Sine Rule $\frac{a}{\sin A}=\frac{b}{\sin B}=\frac{c}{\sin C}$

Cosine Rule $a^{2}=b^{2}+c^{2}-2 b c \cos A$

Area of triangle $=\frac{1}{2} a b \sin C$


