

Supporting teachers of A level

I was handed a large, hard backed tome. Inside was a slip of paper containing a list of numbers. "Do those chapters", the head of department said. The other teacher will do the rest. The head of department walked away. I was 22 years old, straight out of teacher training, staring my first job. This was the 'support' and 'advice' I received before starting teaching my first A level class. The other teachers of A level in the department were all busy people and I didn't feel I knew them well enough go ask for advice or for help when I got stuck. It was sink or swim. A lot of long nights preparing and sleepless nights worrying.

This was a long time ago and thankfully times have changed. There is a plethora of support on offer for teachers of A level from the Advanced Maths Support Programme (AMSP). But what I needed back then, was not to be sent on a course, but the opportunity to meet with a group of A level teachers, from other schools, to share resources, experiences and to meet with people in whom I could confide and ask for help. This is exactly what the A level Pedagogy Workgroup, run by the Yorkshire Ridings Maths Hub, provides.

The workgroup is led by experienced teacher of A level mathematics, Saima Binning. The theme of the workgroups is how to integrate problem solving into your A level teaching, but there will be ample time to raise other concerns and queries. The group is ideal not only for teachers early in their A level teaching career, but for more experienced teachers of A level who want to develop their own pedagogy and wish to share their experience with colleagues.

The group meet four times: two twilight sessions on line and two full day face to face sessions. Not sure whether this is for you? Why not register your interest [here](#) and turn up to the first online session to see whether it is for you.

Dates:

Wednesday 4th November 2025 - 16:30 to 18:00 (online)

Thursday 6th January 2026 - 09:30 to 15:30 (face to face) *

Wednesday 11th February 2026 - 16:30 to 18:00 (online)

Monday 2nd March 2026 -09:30 to 15:30 (face to face)*

* The venue for the face to face sessions is still to be decided and will depend upon the location of the participants. Could your school offer to host one of the face to face sessions?