Powers

Multiplication Index Law	When **multiplying** with the same base (number or letter), **add the powers**. $\boldsymbol{a^m \times a^n = a^{m+n}}$	$7^5 \times 7^3 = 7^8$ $a^{12} \times a = a^{13}$ $4x^5 \times 2x^8 = 8x^{13}$
Division Index Law	When **dividing** with the same base (number or letter), **subtract the powers**. $\boldsymbol{a^m \div a^n = a^{m-n}}$	$15^7 \div 15^4 = 15^3$ $x^9 \div x^2 = x^7$ $20a^{11} \div 5a^3 = 4a^8$
Brackets Index Laws	When raising a power to another power, multiply the powers together. $\boldsymbol{(a^m)^n = a^{mn}}$	$(y^2)^5 = y^{10}$ $(6^3)^4 = 6^{12}$ $(5x^6)^3 = 125x^{18}$
Notable Powers	$\boldsymbol{p = p^1}$ $\boldsymbol{p^0 = 1}$	$99999^0 = 1$
Negative Powers	A negative power performs the reciprocal. $\boldsymbol{a^{-m} = \frac{1}{a^m}}$	$3^{-2} = \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{1}{9}$

Fractions

Simplifying Fractions	**Divide the numerator and denominator by the highest common factor**.	$\frac{20}{45} = \frac{4}{9}$
Equivalent Fractions	Fractions which represent the **same value**.	$\frac{2}{5} = \frac{4}{10} = \frac{20}{50} = \frac{60}{150}$ *etc.*
Comparing Fractions	To compare fractions, they each need to be rewritten so that they have a **common denominator**. **Ascending** means **smallest to biggest**. **Descending** means **biggest to smallest**.	Put in to ascending order : $\frac{3}{4}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{6}, \frac{1}{2}$. Equivalent: $\frac{9}{12}, \frac{8}{12}, \frac{10}{12}, \frac{6}{12}$ Correct order: $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{6}$
Adding or Subtracting Fractions	Find the **LCM of the denominators** to find a common denominator. Use equivalent fractions to change each fraction to the **common denominator**. Then just **add or subtract the numerators** and keep the **denominator the same**.	$\frac{2}{3} + \frac{4}{5}$ Multiples of 3: 3, 6, 9, 12, **15**.. Multiples of 5: 5, 10, **15**.. LCM of 3 and 5 = 15 $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{10}{15}$ and $\frac{4}{5} = \frac{12}{15}$ $\frac{10}{15} + \frac{12}{15} = \frac{22}{15} = 1\frac{7}{15}$

Estimating

Estimate	To find something **close to the correct answer**.	An estimate for the height of a man is 1.8 metres.
Approximation	When using approximations to estimate the solution to a calculation, **round each number in the calculation to 1 significant figure**. $\approx$ means 'approximately equal to'	$\frac{348 + 692}{0.526} \approx \frac{300 + 700}{0.5} = 2000$ 'Note that dividing by 0.5 is the same as multiplying by 2'