Subject	Year	Month
Mathematics	9	January



# **Topic:**

## **SOLVING INEQUALITIES**

7 LESSONS

#### **Content (Intent)**

## **Prior Learning**

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- Understand the meaning of the four inequality symbols
- Solve linear equations with unknown on one side

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Solve linear equations including those with unknowns on both sides

## **Future Learning**

- Solving double ended inequalities
- Solving quadratic inequalities
- Inequality regions

# **Objectives**

- 1 lesson RECAP on all the algebra so far (including expanding and factorising)
- List integers that are solutions to an inequality
- Know how to show a range of values that solve an inequality on a number line
- Solve a linear inequality in one variable with unknowns on **one** side
- Solve a linear inequality in one variable with unknowns on **both** sides
- Solve a linear inequality in one variable involving brackets
- Solve a linear inequality in one variable involving negative terms
   HIGHER Solve worded problems by constructing and solving linear
   inequalities in one variable

# For teaching purposes

#### **Possible Questions**

- Show me an inequality with the solution x ≥ 5. And another. And another ...
- Convince me that there are only 5 common integer solutions to the inequalities 4x < 28 and 2x + 3 ≥ 7.</li>
- What is wrong with this statement?  $1 5x \ge 8x 15$  so  $1 \ge 3x 15$ .

# Possible Misconceptions

may think that...

- it is possible to multiply or divide both sides of an inequality by a negative number with no impact (e.g. if -2x > 12 then x > -6)
- a negative x term can be eliminated by subtracting that term (e.g. if 2 3x ≥5x + 7, then 2 ≥ 2x + 7)
- apply incorrect approach to expanding brackets e.g. if 2(3x-3) < 4x+5, then 6x-3 < 4x+5

## Pedagogical notes (implementation)

The mathematical process of solving a linear inequality is identical to that of solving linear equations. ! **exception** is knowing how to deal with situations when multiplication or division by a negative number is a possibility.

Students could be taught to manipulate algebraically.

E.g. -2x > 8, do not divide by -2 but add 2x to both sides.

#### NCETM: Departmental workshops: Inequalities

The number line to represent solutions to inequalities. An open circle represents a boundary that is not included. A filled circle represents a boundary that is included.

Set notation; e.g. {-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4}

# How will understanding be assessed & recorded (Impact)

**End of term** Assessment in February **Exams** in May

## How can parents help at home?

MathsWatch clips (Qualification KS3) A20a, A20b

#### **Further reading/discussion**

Reading / Enrichment	Literacy	Numeracy Links	Careers Links
KM: Stick on the Maths: Inequalities  KM: Convinced?: Inequalities in one variable  NRICH: Inequalities	Linear) inequality Unknown Manipulate Solve Solution set Integer		Engineer Business Owner Accountant
	< (less than) > (greater than) ≤ (less than or equal to) ≥ (more		