

## WATCH.....

Martin Lewis – Student loans decoded

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO\\_rAsMuAlM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mO_rAsMuAlM)

Credit card APR explained

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fr4rNJ1GR04>

What is an AER interest rate?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd\\_fL9Y04F8](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xd_fL9Y04F8)

## COURSE DETAILS...

<https://www.aqa.org.uk/subjects/mathematics/aqa-certificate/mathematical-studies-1350/specification-at-a-glance>

The course specification can be found at the link above. The optional component is 2A: Statistical techniques.

There are also past papers and helpful resources which will be useful whilst you are studying core maths.

## READ...

Biosci – Statistics 101

<http://www.biosci.global/customer-stories-en/statistics-in-daily-life/>

Course Mentor - 15 most important uses of statistics in daily life

<https://coursementor.com/blog/uses-of-statistics-in-daily-life/>

Rift – The beginners guide to UK tax

<https://www.riftrefunds.co.uk/tax-rebates/uk-tax-refund-advice/the-beginners-guide-to-uk-tax/>

Forbes – National insurance explained

<https://www.forbes.com/uk/advisor/personal-finance/national-insurance-explained/>

## GET AHEAD.....

The following websites will help you to get ahead before September.

Core maths subject support

<https://www.cimt.org.uk/projects/mepres/core-maths/>

Core maths videos

[https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg2tfDG3Ww4uF9Fc9imsxcApO2\\_9wPxVz](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLg2tfDG3Ww4uF9Fc9imsxcApO2_9wPxVz)

## GET ORGANISED.....

Come prepared at the beginning of term, this will help you to keep your notes and any handouts organised. You will need a ring binder folder, plastic wallets, file dividers, pen, pencil, highlighters, lined paper and a calculator.

**TASK.....**

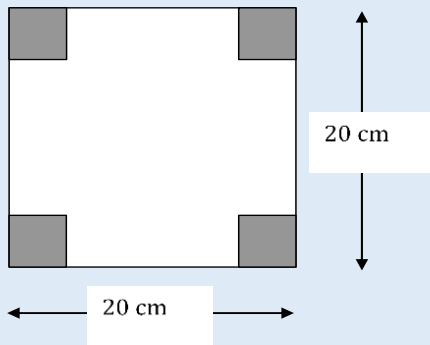
**THE BOX PROBLEM**

In this task you are going to investigate how to make a box of maximum volume from a given rectangle of card.

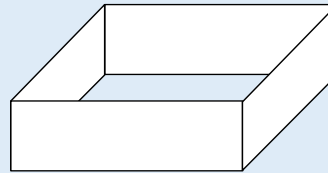
Your ultimate objective is a method that enables you to work out a box of maximum volume for any size of rectangle.

However, we will start with a 20cm by 20cm square.

The basic approach is to cut square pieces (e.g. 4cm) from each corner:



The sides are then folded to form an open box.



- ✓ Why do the cut-outs have to be square?
- ✓ If the cut-outs are 4cm squares, how deep is the box?
- ✓ What are the other dimensions of the box?
- ✓ What is the volume of the box?

**Main tasks**

1. Investigate further to find the size of cut-out that produces the box of greatest volume from a 20cm by 20cm square of card.
2. Extend your method to cope with any size rectangle of card.

You may wish to present your solution in the form of a spreadsheet or by using graphing software.

**QUESTIONS, QUERIES AND COMMENTS.....**

*Use this section to make a note of anything you would like to ask your teacher about when the course starts in September.*