

Blackwood Highschool

| Stage 1 General Maths | Topic: Non-Right Angle Trigonometry |
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| Term 3 2018 | |

Lesson Plan

Week 2: Monday, Lesson 5 (50 mins)

| Topic Details | Previous lesson (prior knowledge) |
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| Find the area of a triangle using: - Heron's rule, - Sine rule. Find the length of a side using: - Sine rule, - Cosine rule, Find an angle using: - Cosine rule, - Sine rule (+ambiguous case). | Students are familiar with SOH CAH TOA and pythagoras. They have just been doing some work with angles and bearings, and should probably be able to remember how to calculate the area of a right angle triangle. |

Learning Intentions

Students will:

- Be able to identify questions which are appropriate to use Heron's Rule for by having access to all three side lengths.
- Be able to calculate the area of a triangle using Heron's Rule.

| Time (mins) | Teacher Activity | Student Activity | Resources |
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| 5min | Introducing myself, welcoming the class, taking the role. | Coming in, settling down, etc. | |
| 5min | Go through how to calculate the area of a right angle triangle on the whiteboard, asking for student participation (they should know this). | Suggesting how to go about doing the calculations. | Whiteboard |
| 10min | Explain how Heron's Rule's rule can be used to calculate the area of a non-right angle triangle and | Listening, asking questions, I'll get them to suggest numbers for the | Whiteboard |



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| | go through a worked example on the board. | side lengths of the triangle. | |
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| 20min | Going around offering one-on-one support | Students will construct a triangle with known side lengths using matchsticks, and then calculate the area of that triangle using Heron's Rule. | |

Extension: If students get through all that quickly and want some extension, I'll show them how the area of a non-right angle triangle can be calculated using trigonometry, and the Sine Rule, and then by measuring the angle of their triangle with a protractor they can validate their calculated area using the three different methods (Heron's Rule, the Sine Rule, and trigonometry).

Evaluation/Assessment

Asking for verbal feedback during class, and observation of individual work during one-on-one support.