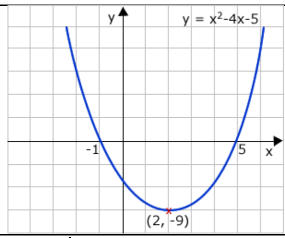
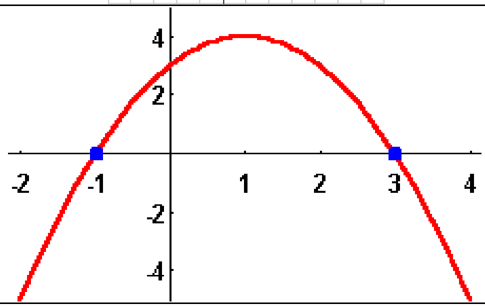
Topic: Further Quadratics

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Quadratic	A quadratic expression is of the form $$ax^2 + bx + c$$ where a, b and c are numbers, $a \neq 0$	Examples of quadratic expressions: x^2 $8x^2 - 3x + 7$ Examples of non-quadratic expressions: $2x^3 - 5x^2$ $9x - 1$
2. Factorising Quadratics	When a quadratic expression is in the form $x^2 + bx + c$ find the two numbers that **add to give b** and **multiply to give c**.	$x^2 + 7x + 10 = (x + 5)(x + 2)$ (because 5 and 2 add to give 7 and multiply to give 10) $x^2 + 2x - 8 = (x + 4)(x - 2)$ (because +4 and -2 add to give +2 and multiply to give -8)
3. Difference of Two Squares	An expression of the form $a^2 - b^2$ can be factorised to give $(a + b)(a - b)$	$x^2 - 25 = (x + 5)(x - 5)$ $16x^2 - 81 = (4x + 9)(4x - 9)$
4. Solving Quadratics ($ax^2 = b$)	Isolate the x^2 term and square root both sides. Remember there will be a **positive and a negative solution**.	$2x^2 = 98$ $x^2 = 49$ $x = \pm 7$
5. Solving Quadratics ($ax^2 + bx = 0$)	**Factorise** and then **solve = 0**.	$x^2 - 3x = 0$ $x(x - 3) = 0$ $x = 0 \text{ or } x = 3$
6. Solving Quadratics by Factorising ($a = 1$)	**Factorise** the quadratic in the usual way. **Solve = 0** Make sure the equation = 0 before factorising.	Solve $x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$ Factorise: $(x + 5)(x - 2) = 0$ $x = -5 \text{ or } x = 2$
7. Quadratic Graph	A '**U-shaped**' curve called a **parabola**. The equation is of the form $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, where a, b and c are numbers, $a \neq 0$. If $a < 0$, the parabola is **upside down**.	
8. Roots of a Quadratic	A root is a **solution**. The roots of a quadratic are the ***x*-intercepts of the quadratic graph**.	

9. Turning Point of a Quadratic	A turning point is the **point where a quadratic turns**. On a **positive parabola**, the turning point is called a **minimum**. On a **negative parabola**, the turning point is called a **maximum**.	
10. Factorising Quadratics when $a \neq 1$	When a quadratic is in the form $ax^2 + bx + c$ 1. Multiply a by c = ac 2. Find two numbers that add to give b and multiply to give ac. 3. Re-write the quadratic, replacing bx with the two numbers you found. 4. Factorise in pairs – you should get the same bracket twice 5. Write your two brackets – one will be the repeated bracket, the other will be made of the factors outside each of the two brackets.	Factorise $6x^2 + 5x - 4$ 1. $6 \times -4 = -24$ 2. Two numbers that add to give +5 and multiply to give -24 are +8 and -3 3. $6x^2 + 8x - 3x - 4$ 4. Factorise in pairs: $2x(3x + 4) - 1(3x + 4)$ 5. Answer = $(3x + 4)(2x - 1)$
11. Solving Quadratics by Factorising $(a \neq 1)$	**Factorise** the quadratic in the usual way. **Solve = 0** Make sure the equation = 0 before factorising.	Solve $2x^2 + 7x - 4 = 0$ Factorise: $(2x - 1)(x + 4) = 0$ $x = \frac{1}{2}$ or $x = -4$
12. Completing the Square (when $a = 1$)	A quadratic in the form $x^2 + bx + c$ can be written in the form $(\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{p})^2 + \boldsymbol{q}$ 1. Write a set of brackets with x in and **half** the value of b. 2. Square the bracket. 3. Subtract $\left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$ and add c. 4. Simplify the expression. You can **use the completing the square form** to help **find the maximum or minimum** of quadratic graph.	Complete the square of $y = x^2 - 6x + 2$ Answer: $(x - 3)^2 - 3^2 + 2$ $= (x - 3)^2 - 7$ The minimum value of this expression occurs when $(x - 3)^2 = 0$, which occurs when $x = 3$ When $x = 3$, $y = 0 - 7 = -7$ Minimum point = $(3, -7)$
13. Completing the Square (when $a \neq 1$)	A quadratic in the form $ax^2 + bx + c$ can be written in the form $\mathbf{p}(\boldsymbol{x} + \boldsymbol{q})^2 + \boldsymbol{r}$ Use the same method as above, but factorise out a at the start.	Complete the square of $4x^2 + 8x - 3$ Answer: $4[x^2 + 2x] - 3$ $= 4[(x + 1)^2 - 1^2] - 3$ $= 4(x + 1)^2 - 4 - 3$ $= 4(x + 1)^2 - 7$
14. Solving Quadratics by Completing the Square	**Complete the square** in the usual way and **use inverse operations to solve**.	Solve $x^2 + 8x + 1 = 0$ Answer: $(x + 4)^2 - 4^2 + 1 = 0$ $(x + 4)^2 - 15 = 0$

		$(x+4)^2 = 15$ $(x+4) = \pm\sqrt{15}$ $x = -4 \pm \sqrt{15}$
15. Solving Quadratics using the Quadratic Formula	A quadratic in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ can be solved using the formula: $\boldsymbol{x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}}$ Use the formula if the quadratic does not factorise easily.	Solve $3x^2 + x - 5 = 0$ Answer: $a = 3, b = 1, c = -5$ $x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4 \times 3 \times -5}}{2 \times 3}$ $x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{61}}{6}$ $x = 1.14\ or - 1.47\ (2\ d.p.)$