

# OCR GCSE 9-1 Gateway Physics Equations

You need to learn these formulae:

## P1 Matter

density ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ ) = mass (kg)/volume ( $\text{m}^3$ )  $\rho = m/V$

## P2 Forces

distance travelled (m) = speed (m/s)  $\times$  time(s)  $s = v/t$

acceleration ( $\text{m/s}^2$ ) = change in velocity (m/s)/time(s)  $a = (v-u)/t$

kinetic energy (J) =  $0.5 \times$  mass (kg)  $\times$  (speed (m/s))<sup>2</sup>  $KE = \frac{1}{2} mv^2$

force (N) = mass (kg)  $\times$  acceleration ( $\text{m/s}^2$ )  $F = ma$

work done (J) = force (N)  $\times$  distance (m) (along the line of action of the force)  $WD = F \times D$

power (W) = work done (J)/time(s)  $P = WD / t$

momentum ( $\text{kgm/s}$ ) = mass (kg)  $\times$  velocity (m/s)  $p = mv$

Pressure (Pa) = Force (N) / Area ( $\text{m}^2$ ) (Separate Science only)

weight = gravity force (N) = mass (kg)  $\times$  gravitational field strength, g (N/kg)  $F = W = mg$

(in a gravity field) potential energy (J) = mass (kg)  $\times$  height (m)  $\times$  gravitational field strength, g (N/kg)  $GPE = mgh$

Moment of a force (Nm) = force (N)  $\times$  distance (m) (normal to the direction of the force) (Separate Science only)

## P3 Electricity

charge flow (C) = current (A)  $\times$  time (s)  $Q = It$

potential difference (V) = current (A)  $\times$  resistance ( $\Omega$ )  $V = IR$

energy transferred (J) = charge (C)  $\times$  potential difference (V)  $E = QV$

power (W) = potential difference (V)  $\times$  current (A) = (current (A))<sup>2</sup>  $\times$  resistance ( $\Omega$ )  $P = IV = I^2R$

energy transferred (J, kWh) = power (W, kW)  $\times$  time (s, h)  $E = Pt$

## P5 Waves

wave speed (m/s) = frequency (Hz)  $\times$  wavelength (m)  $v = f\lambda$

## P7 Energy

efficiency = useful output energy transfer (J)/input energy transfer (J)

## P8 Global Challenges

Stopping distance (m) = thinking distance (m) + braking distance (m)

You will be given these formulae in the exam:

## P1 Matter

change in thermal energy (J) = mass (kg)  $\times$  specific heat capacity ( $\text{J/kg}^\circ\text{C}$ )  $\times$  change in temperature ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )  $E = m\Delta T$

thermal energy for a change in state (J) = mass (kg)  $\times$  specific latent heat (J/kg)  $E = mL$

for gases: pressure (Pa)  $\times$  volume ( $\text{m}^3$ ) = constant (for a given mass of gas and at a constant temperature) (Separate Science only)

pressure due to a column of liquid (Pa) = height of column (m)  $\times$  density of liquid ( $\text{kg/m}^3$ )  $\times$  g (N/kg) (Triple only) (Separate Science only)

## P2 Forces

(final velocity (m/s))<sup>2</sup> – (initial velocity (m/s))<sup>2</sup> =  $2 \times$  acceleration ( $\text{m/s}^2$ )  $\times$  distance (m)  $v^2 - u^2 = 2as$

energy transferred in stretching (J) =  $0.5 \times$  spring constant (N/m)  $\times$  (extension (m))<sup>2</sup>  $E = \frac{1}{2} ke^2$

## P4 Magnetism

force on a conductor (at right angles to a magnetic field) carrying a current (N) = magnetic field strength (T)  $\times$  current (A)  $\times$  length (m) (Higher only)  $F = BIl$

Potential difference across primary coil (V) / potential difference across secondary coil (V) = Number of turns in primary coil / number of turns in secondary coil (Higher only) (Separate Science only)

$$\frac{V_p}{V_s} = \frac{N_p}{N_s}$$

$$V_s \quad N_s$$