



Words from our Numeracy Link Teacher, Ms. Heather Foley:

'Numeracy is the ability to use mathematics to solve problems and meet the demands of day-to-day living.' National Strategy 2011 - 2020

At St Augustine's College we recognise the importance of our students' skills in numeracy and are committed to their ongoing development.

As part of our 2019 goals, we would like to involve you; parents, guardians and friends of the school, in our strategy.

"The benefits of good numeracy include; better job prospects, increased confidence in managing personal finances, more productive businesses, a stronger economy and even better health." Mike Ellicock, Chief Executive of National Numeracy

Throughout the year we will be posting various communications and links to this page. Please feel free to browse the links below. They range from the official guidelines from the Department of Education, to our own school aims and progress, plus useful tips and resources for you to utilise at home yourself.

- The **National Strategy**:

https://www.education.ie/en/Publications/Policy-Reports/lit_num_strategy_full.pdf

- As recommended by the Department of Education, we approach **our practices** through a six step 'school self-evaluation' process.



[St Augustine's College's six steps for numeracy 2018 -2019:](#)

- National Numeracy is an independent charity established in 2012 to help raise low levels of numeracy among both adults and children and to promote the importance of everyday maths skills. The following website is an invaluable source of information **including links to help improve your child's and your own maths skills.**

www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk

- The National Numeracy Challenge is a free, **online tool to check your own numeracy level.** The Challenge isn't like maths at school. It's fun and relaxed with everyday maths you can really use. It's tailored to you and has all the help you need to improve all in one place.

www.nnchallenge.org.uk



- **An electronic game** is available for free to anyone with an Apple or Android phone/device, but primarily designed for 16-25 yr. old gamers who struggle to see the relevance of maths in their lives. The action takes place on a movie set- the player is a runner and it's their first job in the film business.

www.stardashstudios.com

- Another useful 'help with maths at home' website:

www.familymathstoolkit.org.uk

