

GCSE Checklist – Forces & Motion (Triple)

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| Define Newton's First Law in terms of a stationary object | | |
| Define Newton's First Law in terms of an object that is moving | | |
| Apply Newton's First Law to explain the motion of objects moving with uniform velocity and objects where the speed/velocity changes | | |
| Define Inertia | | |
| Define Newton's Second Law in words | | |
| Use $F = ma$; define all symbols and units | | |
| HT ONLY define inertial mass | | |
| Required practical 7: Investigate the effect of varying the force on the acceleration on an object of constant mass; investigate the effect of varying mass of an object on the acceleration produced by a constant force | | |
| Define Newton's Third Law | | |
| Apply Newton's Third Law to examples of equilibrium situations | | |
| Describe the difference between distance and displacement; express displacement in terms of magnitude and direction | | |
| Recall typical speeds for a person walking, running, cycling and for different types of transportation systems; recall a typical value for the speed of sound in air | | |
| Make measurements of distance and time; recall and use $s = vt$; define all terms and standard units. | | |
| Describe the differences between speed and velocity | | |
| HT ONLY Explain, with examples, that motion in a circle involves constant speed but changing velocity | | |
| Describe how to find a speed from a distance-time graph; draw distance-time graphs from measurements; interpret lines and slopes | | |
| HT ONLY find the speed of an accelerating object from a distance-time graph using a tangent and gradient | | |

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| Recall and use $a = \frac{\Delta v}{t}$; define all terms and standard units. | | |
| Describe how to find a acceleration from a velocity-time graph; draw velocity-time graphs from measurements; interpret lines and slopes | | |
| HT ONLY interpret enclosed areas in velocity-time graphs; measure the area under a velocity-time graphs by counting squares | | |
| Use $v^2 - u^2 = 2as$, define all terms and standard units | | |
| Know that objects near Earth's surface falling freely accelerate at about 9.8 m/s^2 ; describe in reality why the resultant force on a falling object eventually reaches zero as it reaches its terminal velocity | | |
| PHYSICS ONLY draw and interpret velocity-time graphs for terminal velocity; interpret the changing motion in terms of forces acting | | |
| State the relationship between stopping distance, braking distance and thinking distance | | |
| Explain the factors which affect the distance required for road vehicles to come to a stop in emergencies; estimate how the distance required to stop varies over a range of typical speeds | | |
| PHYSICS ONLY Interpret graphs relating speed to stopping distance for a range of vehicles | | |
| State a typical human reaction time; explain, interpret and evaluate methods used to measure different reaction times | | |
| Describe the energy transfers during emergency stops; relate the work done by the brakes to the kinetic energy of the vehicle | | |
| HT ONLY recall and use $p = mv$; define all terms and standard units | | |
| HT ONLY describe the conservation of momentum; use the concept of momentum as a model and explain examples of momentum in an event such as a collision | | |
| PHYSICS ONLY complete calculations involving an event, such as the collision of two objects | | |
| PHYSICS ONLY combine $F = ma$ and $a = \frac{v-u}{t}$ to give $F = \frac{m\Delta v}{t}$, where $m\Delta v$ is the change in momentum; know that force equals the rate of change of momentum | | |
| PHYSICS ONLY explain safety features such as air bags, seat belts, crash mats, cycle helmets and cushioned surfaces with reference to the concept of rate of change of momentum | | |