At learning company Pearson, we believe in the power of maths and want to support maths teachers and learners with whatever comes their way.

Our Power of Maths Stat-Shot series highlights headline insights into different aspects of maths education based on the views of over 2,000 primary teachers and secondary maths teachers who took part in our Teacher Tapp survey in the 2020/21 academic year.

Here's what teachers told us about maths confidence among pupils, staff and parents...

We asked teachers in the autumn term about the impact of COVID-19 on their maths learners' confidence and how they were supporting it.

Student confidence

Two in five (44%) maths teachers said their students have reduced maths confidence following COVID-19.

Three-quarters (75%) of maths teachers are confident that they can identify and support learners with maths anxiety.

Teacher confidence

Almost all (97%) maths teachers are confident using and teaching maths.

Seven in 10 (71%) are confident using their maths skills to support them in their everyday lives.

Confidence grows with age...

58% of maths teachers in their 20s are ‘very confident’ using and teaching maths, 68% aged over 50 say the same.

A third (32%) still think more CPD and training to support their maths teaching would help them to better inspire their pupils with the power of maths.
Nine out of 10 (90%) maths teachers hear phrases such as “I’m not a maths person” or “I was never very good at maths” often or all of the time from parents and carers.

In your conversations with parents/carers how often do you hear phrases like, “I was never very good at maths” or “I’m not a maths person”?

- All the time
- Fairly often
- Not that often
- Not at all
- Don’t know
- Not relevant/cannot answer

The Pearson Power of Maths survey was carried out on 2,125 primary teachers and secondary maths teachers in October 2020 by polling organisation Teacher Tapp.

Fewer than half (44%) of maths teachers are confident in their ability to support parents and carers to feel more positive about maths.

Here to support you

Visit our webpage for free guidance, expert blogs and more.

Let us know what you’re doing to build maths confidence:

- @PearsonSchools
- #PowerOfMaths
- Or join our Power of Maths community