## **Topic: Area Under Graph and Gradient of Curve**

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Area Under a Curve	To find the area under a curve, <b>split it up into simpler shapes</b> – such as rectangles, triangles and trapeziums – that approximate the area.	50 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 40 4
2. Tangent to a Curve	A straight line that touches a curve at exactly one point.	Tangent line
3. Gradient of a Curve	The <b>gradient of a curve</b> at a point is the same as the <b>gradient of the tangent</b> at that point.  1. Draw a tangent carefully at the point. 2. Make a right-angled triangle. 3. Use the measurements on the axes to calculate the rise and run (change in y and change in x) 4. Calculate the gradient.	Gradient = $\frac{Change in y}{Change in x}$ $= \frac{16}{2} = 8$

4. Rate of	The rate of change at a particular instant in	70
Change	time is represented by the <b>gradient of the</b>	60
Change		€ 50
	tangent to the curve at that point.	(E) 40 40 Positive rate
		Positive rate
		of change
		0
		0 2 4 6 8 Time (s)
		70
		Negative rate
		© 40 of change
		(E) 40 of change
		20
		10
		0 2 4 6 8
		Time (s)
5. Distance-	You can find the <b>speed</b> from the <b>gradient</b>	Distance
Time Graphs	of the line (Distance ÷ Time)	(Km) 3-
	The steeper the line, the quicker the speed.	2
	A <b>horizontal</b> line means the object is not	, ,
	moving (stationary).	0
		Time (Hours)
6. Velocity-	You can find the <b>acceleration</b> from the	4
Time Graphs	gradient of the line (Change in Velocity ÷	Velocity (m/s)
-	Time)	(ms)
	The steeper the line, the quicker the	
	acceleration.	
	A horizontal line represents no	of 2 9 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
	acceleration, meaning a constant velocity.	Time (Seconds)
	The <b>area</b> under the graph is the <b>distance</b> .	