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# Oral presentation

Details of dates, times, etc., will be announced nearer the time.

## Tips for your oral presentation

The following is intended to supplement the brief tips given on Canvas.

### Level

- Assume that the audience is mathematically literate
- But explain details for non-experts on your particular topic

### Content

- Any major aspect of your project
- Not necessarily a summary of your whole project
- Do not attempt to cover too much. Concentrate on key points

### Preparation

- Prepare your talk for the time available
- Practise and rehearse, as necessary
- Ensure that you can pronounce proper names correctly
- Writing on transparencies should be clear and not too small
- Visual material should be brief - e.g. use bullet points

### The presentation itself

- Begin by introducing your topic and the scope of your talk
- Speak clearly, and not too fast
- Speak naturally - avoid reading from notes, which makes a bad impression
- Do not block the audience's vision of the screen or blackboard
- Do not spend too much time with your back to the audience
- Finish with a brief summary or conclusion

## How is your presentation assessed?

Details are given on Canvas - but the additional points listed below are worth considering.

### Content:

- Is it a clear summary of some major aspect of your project?
- Are the mathematics and factual details accurate and correct?
- Do you use correct mathematical terminology and notation?
- Is the material well researched and organised?
- Is there some originality or just a rehash of standard material?

- Do you speak clearly and articulately?
- Is your material presented comfortably in the allowed time?
- Is your presentation lively and interesting?
- Do you show confidence and enthusiasm?
- Are your visual aids well designed, readable and helpful?

**Questions:**

- Do you answer questions succinctly and with confidence?
  - Do your answers show understanding and insight?
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