## Science: Forces and Motion

| 1. Key Words -forces |  |
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| Mass | The amount of matter within an object. <br> Measured in kilograms |
| Weight | The force of gravity acting on a mass. <br> Measured in Newton's |
| Contact force | Contact force acts when two objects are <br> physically touching, such as friction, drag, up- <br> thrust |
| Non-contact force | Non-contact force acts when two objects are <br> not touching, such as gravity and magnetic <br> force |
| Balanced force | When forces are acting opposite each other <br> and are equal sizes they are balanced |
| Unbalanced force | When forces acting opposite each other and <br> are not equal sizes, they are unbalanced |

## 2. Types of force

A force will change the speed, direction or shape of an object


| Contact Forces | Non-contact forces |
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| Elastic force | Gravity |
| Friction | Static electricity |
| Air resistance | Magnetic force |
| Upthrust |  |

## 3. Mass and weight

The weight of an object is affected by its mass and the gravitational field it is experiencing
Weight can be calculated using this equation


## 5. Speed

Speed is a measure of how fast or slow an object is travelling. The units for measuring speed is $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s}$
Speed can be calculated using this equation:

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\text { Speed }(\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{s})=\text { Distance }(\mathrm{m}) \div \text { time }(\mathrm{s})
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## 6. Distance-time graphs



The velocity is calculated by calculating the gradient of the line
The total distance travelled is calculated by adding together the distances travelled in each component of the graph

## 7. Moments

A moment is a turning effect of applying force around a pivot.
The size of a moment depends on two things:

- the size of the force that is applied
- the distance the force acts from the pivot

It is very important to remember that the distance from the pivot is measured at a right angle, or perpendicular, to the line of action of the force.
The equation for calculating moments is:

## Moment $=$ force $\mathbf{x}$ distance from pivot (Nm) <br> (N) <br> (m)

The principle of moments states that for an object to be balanced the total clockwise moment must be equal to the total anti-clockwise moment.

8. Equipment


