



Maths as others see it

Reflecting on maths

Vox pops:

... when I was at school it was add and take away and that was it ...
... arithmetic and algebra and all that sort of thing, and geometry ...
... I liked mathematics at University ...
... I wasn't very good at maths so – and I had a bad teacher so I didn't enjoy it very much ...
... I saw it as something that was necessary ...
... it was probably one of the better things that I did ...
... at primary school and secondary school I did not like it at all ...
... one of the number one subjects, along with history and other things ...
... I didn't like maths, because I wasn't very good at it ...
... well I think it was good in school, when I was in school many, many moons ago ...

Emma Prescott:

... I found it quite an intense subject and a rather boring subject, I have to say ...

Mark Hanson:

I've got two hours to play with each week, and while it's down to myself what goes into those two hours, you have obviously got to be quite disciplined with how you distribute your time. We've got certain reference points within those two hours, those being the news on the hour, which we can't change, it's always on the hour, and we've also got the advertising as well. Adverts pay the bills, so we can't move them around. So they're always at quarter past and quarter to. So, really, we're trying to organise the music, which is the core of the programme, around those reference points. And in terms of going towards the news and hitting those reference points that I've got, you want to be going with a track which you pretty much know how long it's going to last for. It's not going to be too short and it's going to have a sort of ending which is quite a long run out, we call it. And that basically means I've got the flexibility that if I'm sort of twenty seconds over I can fade it out, it doesn't make a lot of difference – I'm losing no vocals. Or if I've got to spin some more time out I'll just leave it running. So that helps us out quite a lot.

And that's for Helen on Mercer Ward. She's due out today. She's looking forward to getting home and seeing her cat. So, Helen, nice to have you with us. Hope we don't see you again, but I really do hope you enjoyed your stay.