Year 11 Statistics Learning Journey

Unit 8 – Probability Distributions

Core knowledge	Reference number	
Binomial Distributions – 'How do independent events change the		
binomial distribution? Use two dice throws as an example.'		
Normal Distributions - 'Why do we need continuous data for this distribution?'		
Standardised Scores - 'How does a standardised score allow us to make comparisons?' 'Why do we compare consistency?'		
Quality Assurance and Control Charts - 'Why would manufacturing companies use control charts and warning limits?'		
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Unit 8 LC – Probability Distributions		
Key Vocabulary		
Probability Distribution – Describes all the possible values and likelihood that a random variable can		
Binomial Distribution – One type of probability distribution. This depends on the events that are		
occurring. More events may change the outcome of a specific probability		
Standard Deviation – A measure of variability in your data set.		
Normal Distribution – 68% of data lies within one standard deviation of the mean. 95% of data lies		
within two standard deviations of the mean and 99.8% of data lies within three standard deviations of		
the mean. If data is <i>SKEWED</i> , normal distribution is not suitable.		
Standardised Scores – If you have two data sets, each modelled by a normal distribution, you can		
compare results from the two sets using standardised scores. The standardised score of a data value is		
the number of standard deviations above or below the mean that the data value lies.		
Control Charts – A time series chart used for quality assurance.		
Warning Limits – Warning Limits are usually set so that 95% of the means of the samples should lie		
within them. Mean sample mass is normally distributed, so 95% of values lie within two standard		
deviations of the mean.		