

Can you solve a Rubik's cube?

Mike Boyd is a Scottish YouTuber who took only 16 hours to learn how to solve the puzzle in under two minutes. Mike is 26 years old and owns the YouTube channel 'Learn Quick'. On his channel, believe it or not, he learns things quickly!

His first project was to learn how to do a kick flick on a skate board. Five hours, 47 minutes and some very bruised legs later, he had gained the skill. Some people have speculated the he just wants to show off his skills, but Mike has said, "I firmly believe that I have no special talents and that anyone could do these things."

He also explained his approach to the tasks by saying, "What I have learnt is to approach each challenge with an attitude of perseverance, and to keep trying even though I am failing again and again." Mike's goal at the moment is to learn a new talent each and every month.

Following this story, we decided to see if Mathematics teachers at our school are better than English teachers at solving the Rubik's cube. After testing the departments, we found that 100% of English teachers who took part in the challenge could not complete the cube in under three minutes and to our surprise, no one in the Maths department could either.

But this school does have its own speed cuber! Year 8 student Ben successfully completed the cube in only one minute and nine seconds, he is one of, if not the fastest cuber in this school, though still a long way off the world record of 4.73 seconds. Ben said, "If only I brought my better cube, it would have been so much faster!"

Eric, Year 9.

