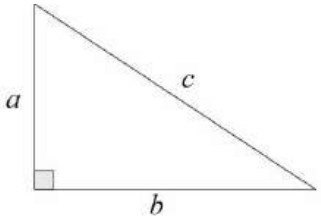
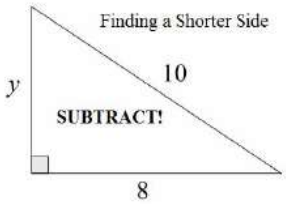
STM Knowledge Organiser Year: 9 Subject: Maths **Topic: Pythagoras' Theorem**

Core Knowledge

Topic/Skill	Definition/Tips	Example
1. Pythagoras' Theorem	For any **right angled triangle**: $$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$  Used to find **missing lengths**. a and b are the shorter sides, c is the **hypotenuse** (**longest side**).	 $a = y,\ b = 8,\ c = 10$ $a^2 = c^2 - b^2$ $y^2 = 100 - 64$ $y^2 = 36$ $y = 6$
2. 3D Pythagoras' Theorem	Find missing lengths by **identifying right angled triangles**. You will often have to find a missing length you are not asked for before finding the missing length you are asked for.	Can a pencil that is 20cm long fit in a pencil tin with dimensions 12cm, 13cm and 9cm? The pencil tin is in the shape of a cuboid. Hypotenuse of the base = $\sqrt{12^2 + 13^2} = 17.7$ Diagonal of cuboid = $\sqrt{17.7^2 + 9^2} = 19.8cm$ No, the pencil cannot fit.

Links to finding squares and square roots with and without a calculator, surds, substitution