

## **Section 2: General equations**

## **Crucial points**

1. Don't confuse the displacement-time graph of a projectile with its path

Remember that the path of a projectile is the route it follows through the air. The path of the projectile is shown by a graph of its vertical displacement against its horizontal displacement. This will look similar to a graph of vertical displacement against time for the projectile because the horizontal component of the projectile's velocity is constant.

 Make sure you can find the path equation from the equations for horizontal and vertical displacement in terms of time Make sure that you are confident with the algebra involved – this is a very useful technique throughout maths.

