

FACULTY NEWS BULLETIN

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Fernando Quevedo who is the recipient of the [2021 John Wheatley Award](#) from the American Physical Society for 'sustained commitment and achievement in the advancement of physics and science in developing countries.'

CMS COVID Protocol

The decision to postpone all face to face teaching in CMS was made this week. If you are visiting CMS please remember that a mask must be worn throughout CMS and in all meetings, even if socially distanced. The updated CMS COVID protocol can be viewed [here](#).

NRICH Update

NRICH's work to support school students, parents and teachers during the COVID-19 school closures last term was highlighted in the Vice Chancellor's annual address at the start of the academic year. Providing emergency packages of resources to support learning from home, the NRICH website (<https://nrich.maths.org/>) attracted up to 1.25 million page views a week during lockdown, with up to 724K page views from the UK each week. In addition, NRICH also collaborated with the BBC to provide resources supporting BBC Bitesize's online daily home schooling lessons. Work is now continuing to help schools address the ongoing effects of educational disruption caused by the pandemic.

You can read more about NRICH's work to support home schooling during lockdown in this article on the University website: <https://www.cam.ac.uk/news/record-15-million-uk-users-log-on-to-cambridge-maths-outreach-website-following-covid-19-closure-of>

REMINDER: Deadline for the EU Settlement Scheme

The deadline for all EU/EEA/Swiss nationals to apply for status via the EU Settlement Scheme is 30 June 2021. Eligibility for the scheme applies to all EU/EEA/Swiss nationals and their family members who are resident in the UK by 31 December 2020. HR contacts in institutions are asked to remind all EU/EEA/Swiss staff and visitors of the requirement to apply by this date, if they have not done so already.

The HR Immigration & Compliance team has provided comprehensive guidance on making an application via the Scheme, available at: https://www.hr.admin.cam.ac.uk/files/uoc_eea_faq_v.12.pdf

After 31 December 2020, EU nationals who are not resident in the UK prior to this date will require a visa to work or study in the UK. A new immigration system, which will support EU nationals in coming to work and study in the UK, is currently being finalised and scheduled for implementation in autumn 2020.

Those who are studying and working in the UK prior to 31 December 2020 will not require a visa to re-enter after this date but you will need to make an application for the EU Settlement Scheme before 30th June 2021. Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to get in touch with the Maths HR Office at hr-office@maths.cam.ac.uk.

EVENTS

After Dark at the Museum of Technology

28, 29 or 30 October, 6pm-8pm

Join the Cambridge Museum of Technology after dark during half term for some spooky family-friendly fun to find out what happens when everyone has gone home and ghosts of the pumping station workers return to share their stories. Visitors will be guided around the Victorian pumping station, which will also be lit with atmospheric lighting, allowing visitors to fully enjoy the after-dark access to the Museum.

Each timed slot will consist of three groups and visitors will be guided around the Museum by a team member who will lead to where the ghostly stories can be heard. This event will last around an hour. Each ticket is for a Group of up to 6 persons and costs £16. Find out more and book [here](#).

If you have anything you would like to be included in the next News Bulletin please send details to newsbulletin@maths.cam.ac.uk by Wednesday 28 October 2020. **The next issue will be published on W/C 2 November 2020**

FAMILY ACTIVITY Autumn Animals

17 October - 30 November, 10am– 4pm, Botanic Garden

Autumn is very busy for the wildlife in the Botanic Garden and to celebrate they are giving out special Autumn Animals cards to all their young visitors. Pick up a free card from the ticket office and go on a hunt for fallen autumn treasures to decorate the animal card. A total of six animal cards will be available, with a new card being released every week from 17 October. Activity runs until the end of November.

Please note, all children must be accompanied. Standard admission charges apply for adults. Children under 16 years free.

Green Impact 2020 launch Event

2 November, 11am-1pm

The 2020 [Green Impact](#) launch event will give you all the information you need to start making an environmental difference in your Department, lab or College. Last year, 43 teams completed over 2,400 actions to encourage sustainable behaviour in their workplaces.

The virtual launch will take place on MS Teams and a brief overview of the event can be found below:

- The 2020/21 Green Impact year will be officially launched by Joanna Chamberlain, Head of Environment and Energy. Hear Joanna speak about sustainability at Cambridge, the successes and the challenges, and how staff and students can be a part of the progress.
- A presentation on the nitty-gritty of Green Impact – what is it, how does it work and how can you get involved? Whether you're new to Green Impact or have been there since the beginning, they'll make sure you have all the information you need to get stuck in. If you're not sure what Green Impact could look like for you then not to worry – they'll be showcasing lots of highlights from our 2019/20 Departmental, lab and College teams to give you plenty of inspiration!

After the presentations, you will have the opportunity to dial into themed breakout rooms hosted by a member of the [Environment and Energy Section](#). [Click here](#) for further information and to book your place.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Annual travel survey

You may wonder why the survey is running this year, when many members of staff are working from home or are travelling into work in different ways from usual, as well as working in difficult circumstances. However, the travel survey is still important.

The travel survey has been conducted for the last ten years and they have continuous comparable results for the last five. It is important that qualitative data is gathered about the impact of COVID-19 on travel. The data collected is used:

- to understand changing travel needs
- to encourage greater use of sustainable travel modes and to report on our sustainability performance
- to plan transport infrastructure improvements and other transport projects across the University estate
- to report to local authorities about any transport impacts of University developments (this is a compulsory part of the planning process)
- to inform our view and responses to consultations on local authority transport projects.

The survey would like to hear from all University-employed members of staff (working on a University site or working remotely), and employees of other organisations that are based in University buildings. They'd also like to hear from contractors or volunteers (if they are based at a University site for two days or more per week), and visitors to the University.

[Complete the survey](#) between 19 October and 1 November 2020 and have the chance to win £100. The survey will ask you questions about your travel during the week 12-18 October.

COVID-19 Testing

In partnership with Addenbrooke's Hospital, the University are offering a swab (PCR) test to all students and staff at the University of Cambridge, its Colleges, Cambridge Assessment and Cambridge University Press, with symptoms of possible COVID-19. Tests are only currently offered to students and staff, NOT household contacts of staff and students.

If you think you have COVID-19 symptoms

If you are experiencing [COVID-19 symptoms](#) you must follow these steps:

1. Self-isolate.
2. Inform your line manager and absence@maths.cam.ac.uk.
3. Let the people you live with know they must self-isolate as well.
4. Take a test either through the [University Testing Process](#) or an [NHS-approved test](#).

If you receive a positive test result

1. Self-isolate for 10 days
2. Tell your line manager and absence@maths.cam.ac.uk.
3. Let the people you live with know they must self-isolate for 14 days.

If you receive a negative test result

1. Stop self-isolation
2. Let your line manager and absence@maths.cam.ac.uk know that you are able to return to work.
3. Let the people you live with know they can also stop self-isolation.

Returning to Work in the UK—Staff employed by the Faculty of Mathematics

Back in March, when lockdown was first introduced, some of you may have left the UK to work remotely from your home country. There was an initial flexibility permitted by Central HR to facilitate this. However, as more than 6 months have passed, we have been informed that all staff are expected to be back in Cambridge (or at least the UK).

Whilst many of you can just as easily work from home in another country and it may seem illogical that you are being asked to return to the UK whilst we are in the middle of a spike in COVID cases, employees who have been working or intend to work outside the UK for more than 183 days (approximately 6 months) need to be considered under the University's Global Mobility Policy (<https://www.hr.admin.cam.ac.uk/hr-services/global-mobility-and-overseas-assignments>). As well as supporting the relocation and employment of individuals across international boundaries, the policy also aims to reduce the University's risk of non-compliance or financial penalties in relation to overseas assignments, specifically in the areas of tax, social security, employment legislation and immigration.

If you are still working from outside the UK (or you aware that a member of your team is still working abroad) please let the HR office know (hr-office@maths.cam.ac.uk) as soon as possible. They will liaise with the University's Global Mobility Coordinator to determine whether you are eligible for an overseas assignment or whether you need to return to the UK (travel restrictions permitting).

Effective Meetings Toolkit

Ourcambridge are delighted to announce the launch of the [Effective Meetings toolkit](#). The document is full of top tips, guidance and resources from University of Cambridge colleagues. The toolkit takes you from 'do I need to hold a meeting?', to specific guidance on the role of the Chair, Secretary and attendees – covering before, during and after the meeting.

Written specifically for University of Cambridge staff, it includes staff members' thoughts on what constitutes an effective meeting, links to both internal and external training resources, and template/example documents that are already being used within the University. As well as this, some of our senior colleagues have been asked for their top tips on how to successfully chair a meeting.

The toolkit sits at the centre of a range of effective meetings resources which can all be accessed via a new [Effective Meetings webpage](#)


Bike Safety


A reminder that the clocks go back this weekend, so for those of you travelling by bicycle to CMS and around Cambridge, please cycle safely.

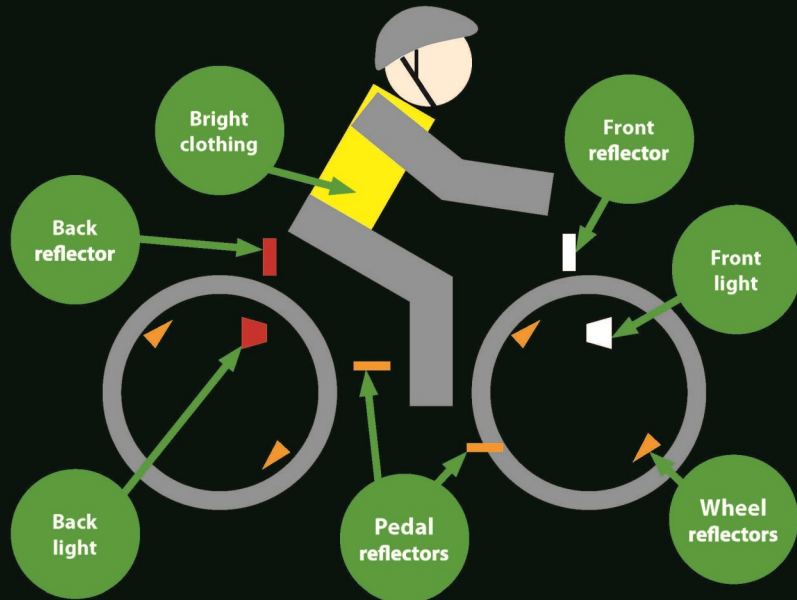
BE SAFE BE SEEN

Find out online how you can stay safe cycling at
www.environment.admin.cam.ac.uk/travel

- 1 Wear bright reflective clothing.
- 2 Put a white front light and red back light on your bike.
- 3 Put a red back reflector on the back of your bike.

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