

FACULTY NEWS BULLETIN

12 March 2019



ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Faculty would like to extend their congratulations to Fan Wang who has recently completed their PhD.

The Faculty would like to welcome Deryck Thake, who joins the IT Team as our Frontline Helpdesk Technician.

Researchfish Submission Deadline 14 March

A reminder that this year's Researchfish Submission deadline is at 4pm on Thursday 14 March. Please read the information supplied on the [Researchfish](#) website and respond to the email you should have received about making your submission.

University Library Exhibition

The current University Library Exhibition 'Discovery' celebrates the bicentennial of the Cambridge Philosophical Society. Curator led tours are taking place on Friday mornings at 11am - no need to book, just turn up!

Further details are available at <https://www.cam.ac.uk/Discovery>



Cambridge Science Festival 2019

The Cambridge Science Festival started on Monday 11 March and runs until 24 March.

Browse the 2019 programme [here](#)

Science Festival Maths Open Day - Get Involved

Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered to get involved with the Science Festival Maths Open Day on Saturday 23 March. This is a quick reminder - if you are interested in taking part, please could you remember to sign up at

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScAmVCHFNF12osNLRde77J2qTSAglmXCsaJvKaYnBXPcCFw/viewform>

For more information about the day and getting involved, please see <https://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/cambridge-science-festival-2019-maths-open-day-get-involved>

Graeme Mitchison memorial meeting 13 April 2019

A meeting to celebrate Graeme Mitchison's scientific life and work will be held at the CMS on April 13th, with talks by many of his closest collaborators. Registration details will be circulated soon.

University Staff Survey

A reminder that the University Staff Survey is now online. You will have received an email with your link to the survey and you have until 25 March to submit your feedback.

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 24 April 2019. The next issue will be published on Tuesday 30 April 2019.

Tripes Examinations HELPERS WANTED

The Mathematics Faculty needs help for the 2019 Tripes examinations (Thursday 30th May to Wednesday 12th June), as follows:

- * Invigilators and /or attendants for the Part III examinations
- * Mark checkers for Undergraduate Tripes Examinations who are responsible for:
 - checking that the examiner has not inadvertently left a mark unmarked.
 - checking that the marks are correctly added up and transferred from scripts to mark book to computer.
 - re-sorting scripts back into candidate number order.
- * Mark checkers for Computational Projects, essentially the same process as above but slightly different detail.
- * Script sorters for the Mathematical Tripes and NST examinations are required between 28th May and 12th June. Script sorting takes place immediately after the exams and involves:
 - checking there are no missing scripts
 - checking that students have filled in the cover sheets correctly
 - sorting the scripts into piles for each examiner to collect and mark

Payments:

For invigilation and/or checking marks: £13.00/hour

For script sorting: office hours: £13.00/hour and evening hours: £21.00/hour

For being an attendant: £11.50/hour

The only qualification is reliability – this is obviously important work and if you say you will be available this is a firm commitment. You will be well briefed beforehand on what to do, but come and see us if you want further details now. The examinations take place this year from Thursday 30th May to Wednesday 12th June, and mark checking would be over by a week later. Even if you know you will only be available for part of this period, any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

Anyone wishing to assist should pick up an application form from either Reception at CMS or the Undergraduate Office, Room B1.28.

Forms can also be downloaded here: <https://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/documents/exam-helper-form.pdf>
Further information can be requested by e-mail: undergrad-office@maths.cam.ac.uk

EVENTS

Mini Recharge & Refocus

14 March, Sainsbury Laboratory 12.30pm-1.30pm

A 1 hour session is being held to look at how we recharge and refocus. This session will cover:

- One attention training (mini mindfulness) technique to recharge and de-stress
- How attention is linked to willpower from a neuroscience perspective
- How to create the space for a daily High Quality Pause to strengthen resilience
- One technique to help Break Negative Thought Loops

The Benefits:

- Manage difficult thoughts more effectively to reduce distraction and feel calmer.
- Create a little space each day for higher quality mini breaks to recharge willpower.
- Create a moment for yourself to find a little perspective.
- Recharge your ability to focus and reach 'flow' (our optimal state of concentration) for the times you need it most

If you'd like to attend, please register your interest by emailing pa-damtpsec@maths.cam.ac.uk

Bite-sized Training—Session 4: An introduction to negotiation skills SUPPORTSTAFF, STUDENTS & RESEARCHERS

18 March, 13.15-14.15 in MR4

Many of us think of negotiation as a formal process, perhaps when describing 'Big N' negotiations. There are, however, 'little n' negotiations that we encounter every day and which influence our relationships in the workplace. This one hour seminar is suitable for anyone who is interested in finding out the basics of everyday negotiation and how this can support our ability to maintain effective workplace relationships and meet objectives.

Spaces can be booked by filling out the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1OC-9pEDiel_UNiWkEBu7uKa7chcZ938ofgLXI_JsvDo/edit

Celebration for Anne-Christine Davis

1 May

On 1st May 2019, the CTC will be hosting a one-day workshop to mark the retirement of [Anne-Christine Davis](#). The meeting will celebrate Anne's achievements in theoretical physics, cosmology, particle physics and beyond. There will be a full day of research talks, starting at 10:00am, with the keynote colloquium given by [Ana Achúcarro](#) (Leiden). Anne's breadth of interests will be reflected in the talks at the meeting, covering string cosmology, modified gravity, dark energy, and inflation. Speakers include: [Robert Brandenberger](#) (McGill), [Claudia de Rham](#) (Imperial), [Konstantinos Dimopoulos](#) (Lancaster), [João Magueijo](#) (Imperial), [Warren Perkins](#) (Swansea), [Mark Trodden](#) (UPenn) and [Carsten van de Bruck](#) (Sheffield).

Registration for the workshop is available here:

<https://onlinesales.admin.cam.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/department-of-applied-mathematics-theoretical-physics-damtp/celebration-for-annechristine-davis/celebration-for-annechristine-davis>

HR Office Easter Break Office Hours

Due to staff leave the Maths HR Office (B1.31) will operate a skeleton service in the week beginning 1 April, as follows:

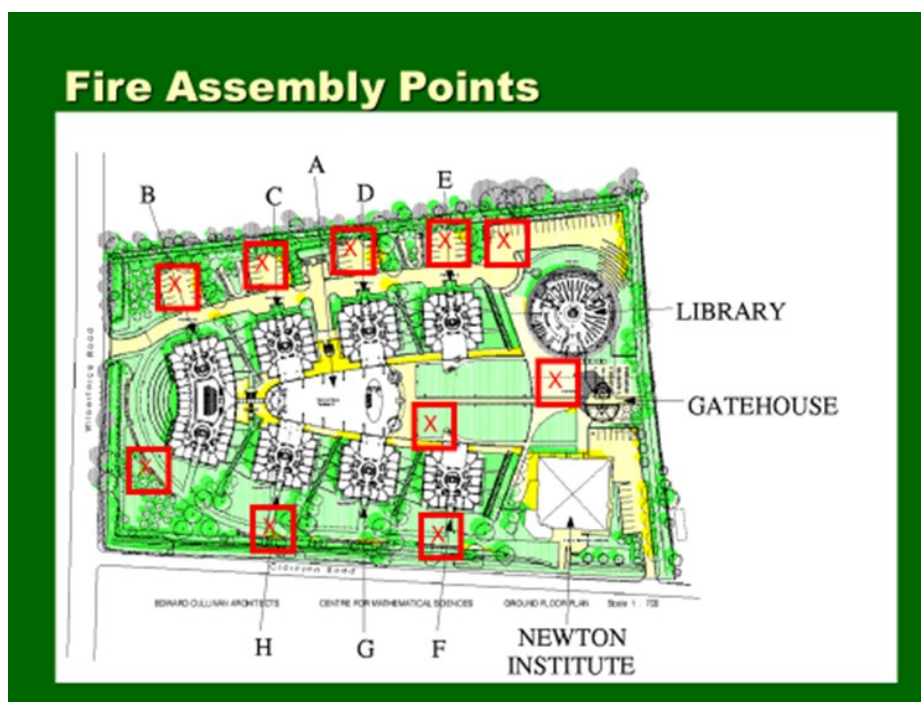
Monday 1 April	9:30-13:30 and 15:00-1700
Tuesday 2 April	9:30-14:30 and 15:00-1700
Wednesday 3 April	9:30-14:30
Thursday 4 April	9:30-14:30
Friday 5 April	8:30-12:30 and 14:00-16:00

All enquiries should be sent to: hr-office@maths.cam.ac.uk.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Fire Safety

Please be aware that the fire alarms are tested in each building on the CMS site every Wednesday morning between 8:30 – 9:00am. The testing starts at 8:30am in Central Core followed by Pavilion B and continuing in each building around the site, finishing in Pavilion H at approx 8:55am. When the fire alarms sounds in your building at this time it will only be for 20 seconds and you do not have to respond, but at all other times (or if they continue to sound) please leave the building immediately by the nearest exit. Fire assembly points are shown below. You should wait there until told it is safe to re-enter.



The University has online fire safety training which everybody should complete. Details of this will follow separately by email.

Electrical Safety

Every two years all electrical equipment within the departments is subjected to a portable appliance test (PAT). Generally there are few items that are problematic but one recent concern has been phone chargers whereby a Samsung adaptor when pulled out of the wall socket left the live and neutral pins in place. If this were to happen to you, DO NOT be tempted to pull the metal pins out! Carefully turn off at the switch without touching the pins and contact Facilities via reception on 65000 or Facilities@maths.cam.ac.uk. Also, please do regularly check the lead on the low voltage side where it leaves the adaptor as often the wire or insulation can breakdown at this point due to stress fracturing leaving exposed wires.

Key Travel

The Key Travel Booking Portal now includes Booking.com and you can book hotels from booking.com directly on Key Travel Online.

The online booking tool will automatically include booking.com properties in your search results providing a greater range of options and best rates without the need for advance payments.

IT Problems

If you experience problems with IT issues, including printers, in the Faculty, please email help@maths with a description of the problem.

Data Protection

The Research Office would like to remind researchers of the new rules that came into place last year regarding Data Protection (GDPR). Advice on GDPR, with specific reference to research grants, can be found here:

<https://www.information-compliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/data-protection/guidance/research>
