Notes for New Part III Students 2020/21

Welcome to Part III of the Mathematical Tripos. These notes set out arrangements for the start of the academic year. Please read them carefully.

In a normal year, all Part III Mathematics activity takes place at the Centre for Mathematical Sciences (CMS) in Clarkson Road/Wilberforce Road. The main entrance to the Centre, with reception desk, is at the east end of the building and is best approached from Clarkson Road. Directions and a map can be found at http://www.cms.cam.ac.uk/visiting/.

COVID-19
This Michaelmas term, due to COVID-19, we anticipate that the great majority of Part III teaching, learning and support activities will take place online. The nature of the pandemic is such that there will likely have to be ongoing adjustments to the way Part III operates, possibly at short notice, and it is important that students monitor their University email regularly for updates. Further information on the COVID-19 measures in place will be made available as a supplement to the Part III Handbook, which will be kept under continuous review throughout the academic year.

MASt: Welcome to CMS and Part III
Part III students who were **not** Cambridge undergraduates are **strongly encouraged** to attend a welcome meeting, which will take place via Zoom on **Tuesday, 6th October 2020**. The programme is as follows:

1000-1030   Presentation by Dr Julia Wolf (Director of Taught Postgraduate Education, Faculty of Mathematics)
1030-1100   Q&A with current PhD students who attended Part III and were undergraduates elsewhere

Information on how to join the Zoom session has been emailed to students. If you are a new student and have not received this information, please contact partiii-secretary@maths.cam.ac.uk.

Orientation tours of the CMS will be organised in small groups for all MASt students during the **week commencing Monday, 12th October 2020**, if health and safety guidelines at the time allow. Attendance is not compulsory but encouraged.

Part III Introductory Meeting
All Part III students **must** attend the Introductory Meeting, which will take place via Zoom on **Wednesday, 7th October 2020**. The meeting is followed by a virtual group photograph. The programme is as follows:

0930-1100   Introductory presentations for *all* students by
             Dr David Stuart (Part III Course Director DAMTP)
             Professor Imre Leader (Part III Course Director DPMMS)
             Dr Julia Wolf
             Professor Mike Cates
             Health and Safety
         Virtual group photograph

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Part III subject adviser presentations will be available for new students to watch, in their own time, via the Part III Academic Support Moodle following the Introductory Meeting. Subject advisers will also be holding virtual office hours in the afternoon of Wednesday, 7th October 2020. The precise timings will be advertised during the Introductory Meeting.

Departmental Registration
Every Part III student *must* formally register with either the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics (DAMTP), or the Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics (DPMMS) at the start of the academic year. Students may only register with one Department. Each Department is formally responsible for the students registered with it. Students may take courses offered by either Department, irrespective of their registration and are advised to register with the Department which most closely aligns with their academic interests (i.e. the Department which offers the majority of courses that the student intends to take).

Registration takes place on Wednesday, 7th October
Students must submit an online form which will be available via the Part III Academic Support Moodle following the Introductory Meeting. Students will need their Raven password (which they will receive from the University Information Service) to log in. As well as confirming personal details, students will be asked with which Department they wish to register and to indicate their primary academic fields of interest.

Preparatory Workshops
At the start of the year we offer preparatory workshops in a number of subject areas. These are aimed at Part III students who have taken undergraduate courses in the relevant areas, but whose courses may not have covered all the material needed for this year's Part III lecture courses. These workshops cannot substitute for an entire undergraduate lecture course, so they mostly aim to convey intuition for the core concepts and provide guidance for further study. Further information and this year's timetable will be emailed to all incoming students on **Monday, 28th September**.

Part III Guide to Courses
The Part III Guide to Courses provides detailed information about the lecture courses on offer this academic year. It is available online at http://www.maths.cam.ac.uk/part-iii-guide-courses, and subject to modifications until the start of term. It is recommended that you look at the Guide to Courses before you arrive. There will be no hardcopies this year.

Part III Handbook and Lecture Timetable
Electronic copies of the Part III Handbook and the lecture timetable will be made available on the Part III webpages by **Wednesday, 7th October**. There will be no hardcopies this year. **Please note that lectures begin on Thursday, 8th October.**

Email
By the start of term you should already have access to your University email address and passwords. If you do not yet have this information, details of how you can activate your account and retrieve your passwords can be found at https://help.uis.cam.ac.uk/new-starters/it-for-students/intro. You will need your Raven password to complete the Part III Registration process on Wednesday 7th October, so please ensure you obtain your password before this date. The Part III student mailing lists will be populated from the start of term and it is to your University email that all formal correspondence will be directed. You must ensure that you regularly check your email to ensure that you do not miss important information.

University Card and Access to the CMS
Your College should provide you with your University Card. Exceptionally due to COVID-19, your University Card will not be programmed at the start of term to allow out-of-hours access to the CMS. Access to the CMS will be reviewed at regular intervals throughout the academic year, and students will be notified should access privileges become available.

Library Services
The Betty and Gordon Moore Library, located on the CMS site, is the principal STEM library of the University. It now offers a range of zero-contact services, details of which can be found at https://moore.libraries.cam.ac.uk/zero-contact-services.

College Tutor and Director of Studies
The Faculty of Mathematics and the University operate on the assumption that you have been assigned both a Director of Studies and a Tutor by your College. Please make sure that you know who your Director of Studies and your College Tutor are. You must meet with them, either virtually or in person, during your first week here.

Departmental Contact
All Part III students are allocated a Departmental Contact. Your Departmental Contact is someone you can approach for advice at any time, and s/he will be responsible for monitoring your progress. Further information on the allocation of Departmental Contacts and Progress Interviews will be provided in the Part III Handbook.

If you have any queries about the start of term please contact the Postgraduate Office via email at partiii-secretary@maths.cam.ac.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you in October.

Dr David Stuart	*Professor Imre Leader*	*Dr Julia Wolf*
Part III Course Director	Part III Course Director	Director of Taught Postgraduate Education
DAMTP	DPMMS	Faculty of Mathematics