

Dear Part II mathematicians (cc DoSs)

This message gives a brief update and summary of key examination arrangements. Most of these details have been announced previously, so the intention is principally to confirm, as the exams draw nearer, that there have been no major changes.

(i) It remains the intention of the Faculty and the University to hold the conventional, in-person Part II exams in Cambridge, according to the following timetable:

Paper 1 9:00 am Tuesday 8th September,

Paper 2 9:00 am Wednesday 9th September, Paper 3 1:30 pm Thursday 10th September, Paper

4 1:30 pm Friday 11th September.

(ii) Exam access arrangements, such as allowances for additional time, will apply as usual for candidates who have received prior approval.

(iii) The examination venue for most candidates will be the University Sports Hall, while candidates with approved access arrangements will generally take their exams in the central Student Services Centre (with start times as above). These venues are sufficiently spacious to ensure social distancing.

(iv) There is no mechanism by which the conventional Part II exams can be taken at locations outside Cambridge.

(v) Standard examination procedures will be followed as closely as possible at the examination venues. In light of the Covid-19 pandemic, some additional protocols and guidelines will be required to ensure a safe environment for all candidates and invigilators. The University is currently carrying out the necessary assessments and it is expected that full details will be circulated at least one week before the exams begin.

(vi) Students may be confronted by a variety of complex circumstances and considerations in making plans to return to Cambridge. The Faculty hopes that colleges will be prepared to take all reasonable steps to advise and assist, and students should contact their tutors or college tutorial staff to discuss such matters.

(vii) While the Faculty and University fully expect that it will be possible to hold the exams according to the timetable in (i), it is not possible to give a cast-iron guarantee in a pandemic. Moreover, the Faculty cannot accept liability for any inconvenience or expense caused to students by alterations that may arise due to circumstances beyond its control.

(viii) Students who have registered to take the conventional exams but who now wish to withdraw should do so by e-mailing both the Undergraduate Office undergrad-office@maths.cam.ac.uk and their college Tutorial Office.

With best wishes,

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