

Dear Part II students

This message contains important information for those students who have registered to sit the conventional, classed, Part II exams, to be held in Cambridge, 8th-11th September.

If you did NOT register for these optional exams, or if you registered but then informed the Faculty and your College that you wished to withdraw, then you need read no further.

If you registered for the exams and have now decided to withdraw but have NOT yet informed us, then please do so IMMEDIATELY. In order to withdraw you must email BOTH the Undergraduate Office <undergrad-office@maths.cam.ac.uk> AND your College Tutorial Office.

If you will be sitting the conventional exams, then please READ CAREFULLY the following points.

(i) Every student who will be taking the conventional exams should by now have been in contact with their College. If you have NOT had any correspondence with a member of your College Tutorial or administrative team, then please e-mail your College Tutorial Office IMMEDIATELY. Colleges have been sent up-dated lists of their students who are currently registered to sit the exams, and it is important to be sure that there are no errors.

(ii) Most candidates will be sitting exams in the large Sports Hall, in the University Sports Centre (Philippa Fawcett Drive, Cambridge CB3 0AS), while candidates with approved access arrangements will generally take their exams in the central Student Services Centre.

(iii) You will be receiving, in an e-mail later this week, important guidance from the Faculty about administrative procedures to be followed in the exam hall. The main differences, compared to previous years, will be related to coversheets and how to arrange and present your answers at the end of the exam (these processes, crucial to ensuring that nothing goes astray, have been revised slightly to allow for automated scanning and sorting of scripts). In most respects, however, the conduct of the exams should seem very familiar.

(iv) You will also be receiving, from the University Student Registry, important guidance about protocols and safety measures to mitigate risks related to Covid-19. Detailed instructions will be given regarding what can be brought to the exam venue, where to assemble in advance, and how to enter and leave so as to maintain social distancing. In the Sports Hall, candidates will be seated at individual desks that are separated by gaps of approximately two metres, so the wearing of face masks during the exam itself will not be required (although candidates will be free to wear a mask throughout, if they prefer).

(v) Because of the highly unusual circumstances this year, the official examination confirmation forms (yellow forms) may not arrive at colleges until Monday 7th September. Please check with your College to arrange collection.

We understand that you may well have additional questions, and you are welcome to ask now if you think the matter is really urgent. Please keep in mind, however, that you will soon be receiving the additional detailed advice described in (iii) and (iv), which might well contain the answer you seek.

Best wishes,

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