



September 2022 eNews

MA President Dr Colin Foster

President's Blog

Are you signed up to our President Dr Colin Foster's educational blog? He addresses issues of interest and relevance across the entire range of mathematics, from early years to university.

Keep a look out this month for the following blogs:

1 September: Interactive introductions to lessons and topics

15 September: What does 'simplify your answer' mean?

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President's Events

MA Webinar with Colin

Tuesday 11 October 4:00-5:30

Butterfly effects when designing and adapting tasks

In this webinar, we'll look at some small tweaks that can be made to standard mathematics tasks that make them considerably more demanding. These 'butterfly effects' - a big difference from a small change - will sometimes take us into new content, but mainly they provide opportunities for learners to think more deeply about existing content, by 'making the familiar strange'. Please come prepared to do some mathematics in breakout rooms and discuss your experiences.

MA Members are free, non members £6.

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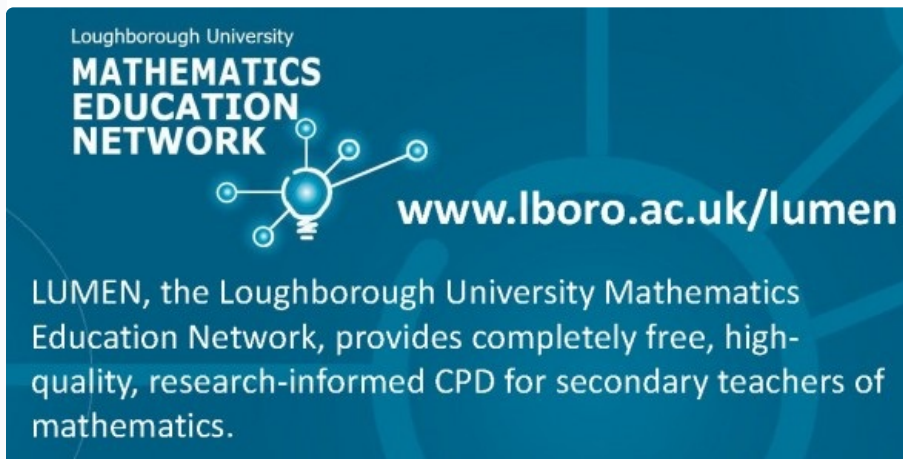
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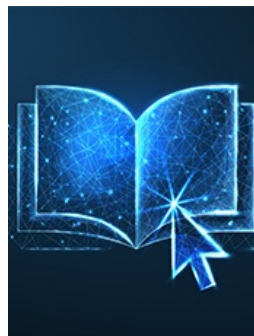
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The conference is suitable for colleagues who are passionate about supporting all learners within mathematics. Speakers will share key learning difficulties (e.g. **autism, anxiety, dyscalculia etc.**) and how teachers can support the needs of all students.

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New edition of Equals now available

The latest edition of Equals - the MA's online journal dedicated to mathematics and special educational needs is now available to read for FREE online.

Equals aims to provide support for teachers and curriculum/SEN specialists dedicated to opening up mathematics to low attainers aged 3-18.

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MA Branch Events

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FOR LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS IN YOUR AREA



MA/ATM Greater Manchester Branch

People Maths - with Bob Vertes

When: Thursday 29th September

Where: B 4.3 The University of Manchester Ellen Wilkinson Building

People mathematics uses people to form the moving pieces of a mathematical activity, be it a puzzle, a sum, a diagram or a demonstration. These activities have the potential for rich mathematical exploration and investigation. The emphasis is on discussion within the group taking part.

The London Mathematical Society's Popular Lectures

The LMS Popular Lectures present exciting topics in mathematics (and its applications) to a wide audience. The lectures are aimed at those who have an interest in mathematics as well as being useful for A-level students.

Location: **University of Birmingham, Bramall Music Building**

Date: **27 October 2022**, 5pm – 8pm

Speaker: **Dr Samantha Buzzard** (Cardiff)

Title: **Lakes, rivers... and waterfalls? The surprising things maths can help us to understand about Antarctica**

Abstract: Sammie Buzzard is a climate scientist at Cardiff University, where she researches the future of Antarctica's floating ice shelves. In this talk she will show you how she uses maths in her research into the polar regions for a variety of problems ranging from lakes in Antarctica, all the way to the other side of the globe and the sea ice of the Arctic.

The lecture will be recorded and posted to the LMS YouTube channel.

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