

20th April 2015

To: Senior Mathematics Tutors (also to all college mathematics tutors)

Trinity Term 2015 – Teaching Information

Revision and Examinations

1. Trinity Term Lecture List

The up-to-date list can be found on the website at
<http://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/notices/lecture-lists/>

2. Collections

TT Prelims (HT work) and Part A (long options) collections are available for your use at <https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/members/teaching-staff/restricted> . Members of academic staff and postdocs will be able to access this site using a valid Mathematical Institute computer account username and password. If you are a member of academic staff, or a postdoc who teaches in a college, and you do not have such an account you can apply using the form at https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/system/files/attachments/application-form_1.pdf. As always, electronic files of past exam papers may be downloaded by following the instructions at <https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/members/teaching-staff/examinations/past-paper-sources>

3. Part B and C Consultation Sessions

The schedules of consultation sessions have been posted at:
<https://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/members/students/undergraduate-courses/ba-master-mathematics/examinations-assessments/consultation>

4. Examinations

Examination Timetables are (or will shortly be) available on the website at
<http://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/exams/timetables>

5. Prelims Preparation Lecture

This will be held on **Friday week 4 (22nd May) at 11am** in L1 and delivered by Dr Richard Earl. The lecture includes advice on the examination's format, protocol and revision techniques.

6. Prelims Timetable

The five prelims papers are *provisionally* timetabled for Monday-Thursday afternoons and Friday morning in Week 9 in the order Mathematics I, IV, II, III, V.

7. Finals Forum

This will be held for all second and third year undergraduates on **Friday of Week 2 (8th May) at 3pm** in L3 at the Mathematical Institute and delivered by Dr Richard Earl. The forum includes details about the formats of the Part A and Part B examinations and also advice on revision techniques; it is primarily (but not wholly) aimed at those who consider themselves rather nervous and less than confident examinees.

8. Revision spaces

We are seeking to provide some space within the Department to help support third- and fourth-year undergraduates' revision. The idea is to provide a time and place where students taking similar subjects might meet up and discuss their work, problems and ideas.

The aim is to have the meeting area under the North Crystal and/or one of the class rooms available for such revision sessions **from 4.30pm till 6.00pm on each weekday in Weeks 1-6**. The weekdays have been divided up to give some subject focus as follows:

MONDAYS: B1/C1 (Logic) and B2/C2 (Algebra)

TUESDAYS: B8/C8 (Stochastics and Combinatorics) and S (Statistics)

WEDNESDAYS: B4/C4 (Analysis) and B6/C6 (Numerical Analysis)

THURSDAYS: B5/C5 (Mathematical Methods)

FRIDAYS: B3/C3 (Geometry/Number Theory) and B7/C7 (Mathematical Physics)

The MURC executive will also be running refreshments in Week 1 (Monday and Thursday) and Week 4 (Tuesday and Friday) to help co-ordinate these sessions and also to hear your feedback.

Preparation for 2015/2016

9. Part B and C Options

Details of all courses will be published in the Part B and C Synopses towards the end of term. Again registration for courses will be online. Registration closes on **Friday of Week 10 (3rd July)** and students will be emailed when it is open: details are in the synopses and at <http://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/courses>

Please note that the schedules of courses that are permitted to be taken by Part B and Part C students can be found in the course synopses. Students who wish to take any courses which are not listed in the synopses will require special approval by Education Committee.

10. Part B Options Fair

In order to assist second year students choosing options in Part B, representatives from subject panels will be present in the Institute from **2.00pm to 3.30pm on Friday of Week 4 (22nd May)**. Representatives will discuss their panel's options and projects with interested students. Further details will be sent to tutors and students nearer the time.

11. Part C Options Fair

In order to assist third year students choosing options in Part C, representatives from subject panels will be present in the Institute from **3.30pm to 5pm on Friday of Week 4 (22nd May)**. Representatives will discuss their panel's options and projects with interested students. Further details will be sent to tutors and students nearer the time.

12. Projects Lecture

There will be a lecture by the Chair of Projects Committee (Dr Earl) on project preparation for students who will be in Parts B and C in 2015/16, who are potentially interested in completing a project. This will be held **3.00pm to 3.30pm on Friday Week 4 (22nd May)** as part of the Options Fairs.

13. Mathematics and Philosophy students 'tea' and presentation on Part C options.

There will be a discussion of fourth year options for the benefit of third year students in Week 1. This will be held at **3pm on Wednesday of Week 1 (29th April) in L4**, Mathematical Institute. At 4pm there will be a 'tea' held for *all* Mathematics and Philosophy students.

14. English Language Classes for Overseas Students

We would just like to draw to your attention the English language courses available at the University's Language Centre for any overseas students who may need some additional help. Details of courses can be found at <http://www.lang.ox.ac.uk/eas.html> The Language Centre will also be offering a week-long intensive course in academic writing for overseas students, post-docs and contract researchers in Week 9 of TT for more details on this course please contact the Language Centre directly at admin@lang.ox.ac.uk

Finally pre-sessional English Language Courses are available in July/August/September for overseas students before they arrive for more information please go to:

<http://www.lang.ox.ac.uk/courses/pre-ses.html>

15. Summer Projects

We are pleased to note that these are growing in number. These are usually for students in Parts B and C. Project titles previously used can be found at <http://www.maths.ox.ac.uk/current-students/undergraduates/projects>. Student can use these as a guide and then contact supervisors to agree a topic.

16. Open Days

There will be Departmental open days on the Saturdays, 2nd and 9th May. These are large events with many prospective students attending. Details will be circulated by email in due course but it is hoped that students and tutors alike will be able to support one or both days, during the refreshment breaks, to help answer questions.

17. NSS feedback

The deadline for responding to the National Student Survey is 30th April. If students **in their last year** have not already completed this survey, please encourage them to do so before the deadline.

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