

## Welcome to the MA monthly newsletter

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### Happy Easter!

Happy holidays from everyone here at The Mathematical Association – we hope to see many of you at [BCME](#) this year, and we wish all the rest of you a restful and productive time off.



### We would like your views

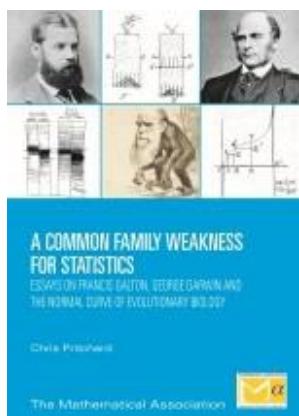
We are contacting as many people as we can to find out what they think about the proposal to form a single subject association of the five classroom-facing organisations: AMET, ATM, MA, NAMA and NANAMIC. Therefore, if you haven't already done so, please can you complete the short survey at <https://goo.gl/forms/ys17yL8o3lryvD2C2>. We would appreciate it if you can pass this link via social media to anyone you think appropriate. This will allow us to analyse all the data received, whether it comes from members or non-members.

After our AGM at BCME on April 4 2018, there will be an opportunity for members to meet and discuss this. However, we realise that not all members will be at BCME, and we wish to take account of as many people as possible in the future talks, so hope that you can find the time to complete the online survey.



## News of MA Journals

The March issue of Mathematics in School has now reached subscribers. It is a very special issue which celebrates the life and work of the late Malcolm Swan. A flyer has been produced which lists the contents and also the items scheduled for the May issue. This flyer will be handed out at BCME and is downloadable from the MA website.



## A Common Family Weakness for Statistics

This limited edition book by Chris Pritchard will be launched at the BCME Conference at a hugely discounted price of £6.

It tells the story of the assistance that George Darwin, Charles Darwin's son, gave to one the great pioneers of statistics, Francis Galton. The seven essays describe Galton's efforts to use the normal curve to extend the theory of evolution to human intelligence.



## Primary Mathematics Challenge 2017/18

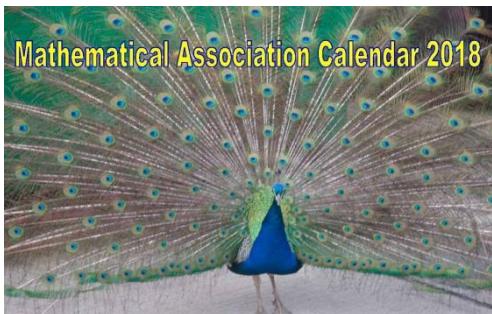
Another successful year is over for the PMC. 68,000 pupils took part in November and 3255 were invited to the Bonus Round in February.

Test your own knowledge by giving the [Bonus Round Paper](#) a go - we had 5 pupils score full marks this year, how do you compare?



The 2018/19 Primary Mathematics Challenge will be opening in April, early bird discount is available so be sure to order your papers early!

[www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk](http://www.primarymathschallenge.org.uk)



## The Mathematical Association Calendar 2018

Another fabulous selection of mathematically inspired photographs and problems to solve. There is a space to write next to each day. Suitable for the home, school and office. It is intended that the calendar will encourage teachers and young people to think about the wide variety of context in which mathematics can be found in the world around us.

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### Funding available for professional development for maths teachers

The London Mathematical Society (LMS) is offering several grant schemes at present, one of which is a grant for teacher CPD. The scheme is intended to provide opportunities for mathematics teachers to attend training which is *specifically* mathematical. It is intended to facilitate mathematical professional development to allow teachers in UK schools/educational institutions to:

- a. Develop their subject knowledge
- b. Engage in a deeper understanding of how to develop mathematical thinking
- c. Appreciate the interconnectivity of mathematical topics
- d. Update themselves on mathematics curriculum reform
- e. Use technology when and where appropriate

More details available [here](#). Please apply by 30<sup>th</sup> April for this round of funding.



### Dr Colin Foster on the BBC

On 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018, Colin Foster appeared on BBC Breakfast to discuss the new Education Endowment Foundation report on pupil use of calculators in mathematics. You can read the report, co-authored by Colin with Prof Jeremy Hodgen, Prof Margaret Brown and Dr Rachel Marks, [here](#).

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### Bare squares

This [well-known childhood game](#) is given a new lease of life on the NRICH sister site Wild Maths – a creative mathematics site for independent play. Enjoy!

*Compiled by Lucy Rycroft-Smith*