

The Joint Mathematical Council of the United Kingdom

A Charitable Incorporated Organisation
Registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales,
Registered Charity Number: 1171223
Registered Office: De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square, London, WC1B 4HS

Trustees' Annual Report for the period from 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2025

Who is the JMC?

1. **Governance** The Joint Mathematical Council of the United Kingdom (also known as 'The JMC') is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, Registered Charity Number: 1171223. The JMC's governing document is its Constitution.
2. **Address** The JMC's principal office is in England at De Morgan House, 57-58 Russell Square, London, WC1B 4HS but all correspondence should be addressed to the Secretary (currently: Mr Chris Chipperton) at secretary@jmc.org.uk. The JMC's website can be found at www.jmc.org.uk.
3. **Membership** The membership of the JMC consists of its Officers, Participating Bodies, Co-opted Members and Observing Bodies; during the period from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025 these were:

Officers

Chair	Andy Noyes (until November 2024); Noel-Ann Bradshaw (from November 2024)
Deputy Chair	Noel-Ann Bradshaw (until November 2024); Jenni Ingram (from November 2024)
Secretary	Chris Chipperton
Treasurer	Fiona Curtis

Unattached Trustees

Beth Kelly (retired November 2024)

Participating Bodies

<i>Body</i>	<i>Authorised Representative</i>
Adults Learning Mathematics	Diane Dalby
Association of Mathematics Education Teachers	Fiona Curtis
Association of Teachers of Mathematics	Helen Madeley
British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics	Alf Coles
British Society for the History of Mathematics	June Barrow-Green (until May 2025) Tony Mann (from May 2025)
Edinburgh Mathematical Society	Andrew Wilson
Heads of Departments of Mathematical Sciences	Mary McAlinden
Institute of Mathematics and its Applications	Paul Glaister
London Mathematical Society	Mary McAlinden
The Mathematical Association	Ems Lord (until November 2024) Andy Kemp (from November 2024) Charlie Stripp
Mathematics in Education and Industry	Andrew Davies
National Association for Numeracy and Mathematics in Colleges	Ruth Trundley
National Association of Mathematics Advisers	Paul Milner
National Numeracy	Ems Lord (until November 2024)
NRICH	Liz Woodham/Charlie Gilderdale (from May 2025)
Operational Research Society	Chiara Carparelli
Royal Academy of Engineering	Juliet Upton (until June 2025)

Royal Statistical Society
Scottish Mathematical Council

STEM Learning
United Kingdom Mathematics Trust
Wales Institute of Mathematical and Computational
Sciences

Co-opted Members

Immediate Past Chair
UK Representative to the International Commission
on Mathematics Education
Social Media Lead

Observing Bodies

Body

Department for Education [England]
Department of Education [Northern Ireland]
Education Scotland
Education and Training Foundation
National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of
Mathematics
Office for Standards in Education
The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation
The Royal Society
The Royal Society Advisory Committee
on Mathematics Education
Scottish Qualifications Authority
Welsh Government Education Directorate

Zoe Nye
Alan Walker (until November 2024)
Bill Richardson (from February 2025)
Michael Anderson (until February 2025)
Dianne Flatt

Sofya Lyakhova

Andy Noyes

Paul Glaister
Richard Perring

Authorised Representative

Catherine Mackenzie
Julie Harris
John Neeson
Julie Baxter

Sue Madgwick
Hannah Stoten/Steve Wren
Sarah Old
Cath Boulton

Anthony Tomei
Georgina Holmes
Lian Crierie (until May 2025)
Amanda Hayman (from May 2025)

4. **Trustees** The trustees are the officers, Elected Trustees and Co-opted Trustees. The Elected Trustees and the Co-opted Trustees must be Authorised Representatives of Participating Bodies at the time of their appointment.

Trustees for the period from 1 August 2024 to 31 July 2025:

Micael Anderson	Co-opted Trustee (from November 2024; retired February 2025)
Noel-Ann Bradshaw	Deputy Chair (retires November 2024; eligible for re-election)
	Chair (from November 2024)
Chris Chipperton	Secretary (retires November 2025; not eligible for re-election)
Alf Coles	Co-opted Trustee (from January 2025)
Fiona Curtis	Treasurer (from November 2023; eligible for re-election)
Jenni Ingram	Deputy Chair (from November 2024; eligible for re-election)
Beth Kelly	Elected Trustee (retired November 2024)
Sofya Lyakhova	Elected Trustee (from November 2024; not eligible for re-election)
Andy Noyes	Chair (retired November 2024)
Ruth Trundle	Co-opted Trustee (until November 2024)
	Elected Trustee (from November 2024; eligible for re-election)

The JMC has no corporate trustees. No trustee holds title to property belonging to the JMC.
The JMC does not act as a Custodian Trustee for any other charity.

What does the JMC do?

5. **Objects** The JMC's Constitution states that 'The objects of the Council are, for the public benefit, to advance the knowledge, understanding, study and education of the public in the subject of mathematics, including by:

- sharing knowledge, best practice and teaching methods amongst individuals and organisations teaching mathematics; and
- liaising with mathematical bodies, national education policy makers and government in furthering the objects.'

6. **Incorporation** The JMC was incorporated on 20 January 2017 as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. It is the successor to the unincorporated Joint Mathematical Council of the United Kingdom which was founded in 1962 and first met in 1963. The old body was dissolved on 17 August 2017 and the minutes of its final meetings, its final report and its final accounts were approved at the meeting of the new body on 14 November 2017.

7. **Meetings** For the furtherance of its objects, the JMC normally holds General Meetings three times a year to promote communication between mathematical bodies in the United Kingdom. General Meetings were held on 7 November 2024 (which was also the Annual General Meeting), 13 February 2025 and 12 June 2025. Meetings of the Trustees preceded these meetings. The General Meetings received reports from Participating Bodies and Observing Bodies as well as from JMC representatives on external bodies, and discussed issues of concern raised. The afternoon sessions were given over to the discussion of topics: A vision for meaningful data education across the four nations of the UK, and the RS Mathematical Futures Report (7 November); TIMMS 2023 (13 February); Issues around studying mathematics degrees in the UK (12 June).

8. **Commissioned Reports** A call for expressions of interest to undertake a piece of work on *Mathematics teacher recruitment: An overview* was put out in December 2024. The report is due to be completed in time for the November General Meeting.

A collection of thought pieces on *AI in mathematics education* has been commissioned. It is hoped that the work will be completed by November 2025.

A working group was formed early in 2025 to consider *Early Secondary and transition to secondary school*. It is expected that the report will be completed for June 2026.

9. **British Congress of Mathematics Education Committee** BCME10 will take place 23 and 24 October 2026. An organising committee was formed in June 2023 with Ed Southall and Ruth Trundle as co-chairs.

10. **International Congress of Mathematics Education Bursaries Committee** (Chair: Paul Glaister) International Congresses of Mathematics Education are scheduled to be held every four years. ICME15 was held in Sydney, Australia, 7-14 July 2024.

11. **Meeting of Mathematics Subject Associations Special Interest Group** (Honorary Secretary: Diane Lloyd) This group was established as a SIG of the JMC on 9 June 2017. MMSA consists of five associations, AMET, ATM, MA, NANAMIC and NAMA. NCETM and The Royal Society also attend meetings. Each subject association covers its own costs for the attendance of up to two representatives.

12. The MMSA organisations have continued to develop arrangements for their possible merger. The decision to merge into the Association for Mathematics in Education (AMiE) was announced on 4 July following votes by members of each of the five associations. AMiE is likely to be up and running by the end of the year.

13. **Relationships with other bodies** The JMC has the following relationships with other bodies.

The JMC is a member of the Council for Subject Associations.

The JMC is a member of the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

The JMC also has the following relationships with other bodies as part of which the JMC neither makes payment nor receives payment:

The London Mathematical Society generously allows the JMC to use its address as the address of JMC's principal office.

The Royal Society includes the Chair of the JMC among the members of its Advisory Committee on Mathematics Education.

The JMC is also represented at other meetings from time to time.

The JMC has no employed staff or paid consultants.

14. **Public Benefit** The Trustees have had due regard to the public benefit guidance of the Charity Commission of England and Wales when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

The JMC's finances and governance

14. **Context** A considerable amount from the subscription income is used to meet the cost of up to three face-to-face meetings each year. Decreased meeting costs due to the pandemic and rail strikes allowed for an increased amount to be spent on commissioned project work as the JMC continues to further its objects. The funds relating to the British Congress of Mathematics Education are held in a restricted fund devoted to the holding of such conferences.
15. **Financial Position** The report on the JMC's financial position is included with the Annual Accounts that accompany this report.
16. **Reserves** The Trustees have adopted a policy on general reserves; the 'JMC will maintain reserves of approximately twice the annual ordinary turnover at the financial low-point of the year (typically after payment of November meeting costs, before new year's subscription invoices are paid). The majority of this reserve will be kept in a deposit account and/or other investment account approved by the trustees.'

The Trustees have also adopted a policy on reserves relating to the BCME Restricted Fund; the 'JMC will aim to maintain reserves of 15–20% of BCME turnover, derived from BCME operating surpluses, as a restricted fund which will be (at least largely) kept in the above-mentioned or other deposit/investment account(s) over periods of low BCME-related activity. The manner of such investment will be approved by trustees, who will endeavour to steward such monies prudently.'

17. **Grant Making** Apart from the bursaries to BCME and its involvement in organising bursaries for those attending the International Congresses of Mathematics Education that are also held every four years, the JMC does not make grants.
18. **Social Investment** JMC does not make social investments.
19. **Constitution** The Trustees have reviewed the JMC Constitution during the year.
20. **Bye Laws** The Trustees have reviewed the JMC's Bye Laws during the year.
21. **Policies** The Trustees have reviewed the JMC's policies during the year.

The Bye Laws and policies, as well the Constitution, can be found at <http://www.jmc.org.uk/documents.htm>.

During the year the Trustees have reviewed the risk register.

Declaration

21. **Approval** The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Chris Chipperton, Secretary, 10 September 2025

JMC Annual Accounts

	Budget	Actual	
Opening balance			91845.55
Expenditure			
meeting room/catering	5000	4328.88	
officer expenses	2000	876.40	
speaker expenses	1200	36.30	
rep & CfSA subs	850	250.00	
insurance	400	320.31	
internet	400	479.08	
projects	16000	12615.84	
AMiE contra		486.00	19392.81
Income			
subscriptions 2024-25	12290	11210.00	
bank interest	1200	891.53	12101.53
Closing balance			<u>84554.27</u>
Balance in			
*current account		14025.66	
instant access account		17358.88	
**35-day deposit account		52623.92	
BCME current account		545.81	<u>84554.27</u>
* of which 1219.76 = ICME bursaries restricted			
** of which 46334.32 = BCME restricted			

Expenditure was greater than income again this year, which was due to the two projects commissioned: full payment for the data education project (£8000), half payment for the teacher recruitment project (£4000) and expenses for the working group on transition to secondary school (£616). Running costs were lower than budgeted, with online attendance contributing to smaller expense claims.