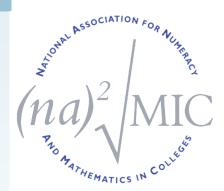
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The National Association for Numeracy and Mathematics in Colleges (NANAMIC) provides professional development for numeracy and mathematics teachers and is a voice for the post-16 learning and skills sector.

# NANAMIC Update November 2021



# Thoughts from the chair



Welcome back to the new academic year which is already proving 'interesting' with so many children off with covid. The exam system that has been used for decades continues to be under strain.

Wales is looking to review its curricula and is consulting on this. If you are involved with education in Wales, you might want to get involved. Applications close on 3 November and the briefing paper can be found here.

It was good to be able to welcome so many of you to the NANAMIC Conference 2021 on 14 July. The conference was very well received. The keynote by Professor Andy Noyes and the 12 workshops were all recorded, and the link has been sent to all members. If you would like access to these then please apply to join NANAMIC. It only costs £20 and will make you a member until December 2022. NANAMIC - NANAMIC - National Association for Numeracy and Mathematics in Colleges - Application to Join

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All the sessions were very good, based on feedback we received, but some may be of special interest to you. There were two sessions on GCSE resits (The Focussed 15 and ASK Maths) and an excellent session from Ems Lord of Nrich on preparing students for university. KS5 Homepage (maths.org)

The ASK Maths competition has now been widened from Stoke to the whole country. The competition is open to any student in 16-19 education who has not yet achieved a grade 4 or above in GCSE Mathematics who is enrolled at a college, school or other training provider that's involved with the FE Maths Challenge. Full details can be found on the MEI website Further Education Maths Challenge - MEI

The NANAMIC Annual General Meeting took place on the same day as the conference and Sally Barton and I were re-elected as trustees for the next 3 years. We are also pleased to welcome Ysolina Arvelo as a trustee. Ysolina has been a member of NANAMIC for more than 7 years. She works for Leicestershire County Council as Learning Development and Delivery Coordinator.

Discussions are still taking place regarding the joining together of the current five mathematics education associations into one. These things do take time so be patient with us. A statement released some time ago can be found on our website <a href="NANAMIC - National Association for Numeracy and Mathematics in Colleges - New Mathematics Association">New Mathematics Association</a>

Finally, as we look towards next year's conference, we are considering whether it should be a virtual one or face-to-face. It is too early to make a final decision but, if you have any thoughts, please let us know by emailing <a href="mailto:admin@nanamic.org.uk">admin@nanamic.org.uk</a>. While we enjoy meeting at live events, we found that more were able to join us at a Zoom conference.

If you are not following NANAMIC on Twitter we would encourage you to do so. @NanamicCio

John

## **Ofsted**

Ofsted has announced a number of changes for the 2022 assessments. These are different for each subject, and many are not relevant to mathematics. However, the following decisions are:

- 1. Exam boards will provide advance information about the focus of the content of the exams for all GCSE, AS and A level subjects (except GCSE English literature, history, ancient history and geography) for the summer 2022 exams. The advance information will meet the principles set out in the consultation document.
- 2. The policy intention of providing advance information is that it will support students' revision. Therefore, the DfE has confirmed that advance information will be provided by 7 February 2022 at the latest. This will enable teachers to plan to adapt their teaching in the second half of the spring term if necessary. DfE has also decided to retain the flexibility for advance information to be deployed at other points ahead of 7 February 2022 if circumstances require. At least a week's notice will be given if it is decided that advance information will be released earlier than 7 February 2022.
- 3. Students will be given a formulae sheet for GCSE mathematics in summer 2022. Exam boards will provide copies of the formulae sheet for use in teaching and to ensure that students are familiar with it prior to the exams. Clean copies of the formulae sheet will be provided in the exams.

The full document can be found here: <u>Proposed changes to the assessment of GCSEs, AS and A levels in 2022</u> - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

# **Core Maths**

Need convincing about broadening your post-16 maths offer in addition to A level? Or do you need to persuade senior leaders? These short videos from the University of Leeds will help.

Resources: Core Maths research project – successes and challenges (leeds.ac.uk)

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### **NANAMIC** membership

Being a member of

NANAMIC is very cheap at only £20 per year. As a member, you can attend any of our events, including either of our annual conferences.

### **NEWS EXTRA**

NANAMIC continues to be active on twitter. Please follow us

@NanamicCio for the latest news, updates and events.

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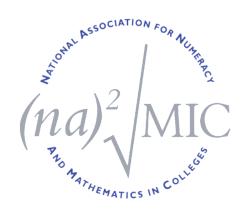
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The easiest way to pay your membership is by credit/ debit card using our PayPal. The link on the webpage is set-up to automatically renew your membership each year.



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# Are you ready for Maths Week England 2021?

The AMSP are delighted to once again be partnering with <u>Maths Week England</u>, taking place from 8-12 November, to promote maths enjoyment for all.

There's lots going on to engage students from KS3 to KS5, all linked to this great initiative.

Visit <a href="https://amsp.org.uk/news/maths-week-england-2021">https://amsp.org.uk/news/maths-week-england-2021</a> for more details on competitions and events planned, including the world of work series.



Maths Week England has many more events, daily puzzles, and resources available. Visit their website to register