Independent examiner's report to The Joint Mathematical Council of the United Kingdom

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts for the year ended 31 July 2026.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

I report in respect of my examination of the accounts. In carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

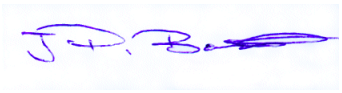
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept as required by section 130 of the Act; or

2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



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Date: 9 September 2026

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 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2026

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: Sue Pope) 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 2025 to 31 July 2026 these were:

Officers

Chair	Noel-Ann Bradshaw (from November 2024)
Deputy Chair	Jenni Ingram (from November 2024)
Secretary	Chris Chipperton ('til November 2025); Sue Pope (from November 2025)
Treasurer	Fiona Curtis (from November 2023)

Participating Bodies

Body	*Authorised Representative*
Adults Learning Mathematics	Diane Dalby
Association for Mathematics in Education (from December 2025)	Helen Madeley ('til June 2026) Sue Madgwick (from July 2026)
Association of Mathematics Education Teachers ('til December 2025)	Fiona Curtis
Association of Teachers of Mathematics ('til December 2025)	Helen Madeley
British Society for Research into Learning Mathematics	Alf Coles ('til January 2026) Elena Nardi (from January 2026)
British Society for the History of Mathematics	Tony Mann ('til May 2026)
Collaborative Lesson Research UK (CLR-UK) (from February 2026)	Ruth Trundley
Dyscalculia Network (from February 2026)	Cat Eadle
Early Childhood Maths Group (from February 2026)	Sue Gifford
Edinburgh Mathematical Society	Andrew Wilson ('til May 2026) Helen Martin (from May 2026)
Heads of Departments of Mathematical Sciences	Mary McAlinden
Institute of Mathematics and its Applications	Paul Glaister
London Mathematical Society	Mary McAlinden
The Mathematical Association ('til December 2025)	Andy Kemp
Mathematics in Education and Industry	Charlie Stripp
Mathematics Support Programme Wales (from April 2026)	Kristian Evans
National Association for Numeracy and Mathematics in Colleges ('til December 2025)	Andrew Davies
National Association of Mathematics Advisers ('til December 2025)	Ruth Trundley
National Numeracy	Paul Milner
Northern Ireland Maths Teachers' Association (from June 2026)	Esther Stevens
NRICH	Liz Woodham/Charlie Gilderdale
Operational Research Society	Chiara Carparelli

Royal Academy of Engineering	Dean Thompson (from January 2026)
Royal Statistical Society	Zoe Nye
Scottish Mathematical Council	Bill Richardson
United Kingdom Mathematics Trust	Matthew Main
Wales Institute of Mathematical and Computational Sciences (‘til August 2025)	Sofya Lyakhova

Co-opted Members

Immediate Past Chair	Andy Noyes
UK Representative to the International Commission on Mathematics Education	Paul Glaister
Social Media Lead	Richard Perring

Observing Bodies

Body	*Authorised Representative*
Department for Education [England]	Catherine Mackenzie
Department of Education [Northern Ireland]	Julie Harris
Education Scotland	John Neeson
Education and Training Foundation (‘til November 2025)	Julie Baxter
National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics	Sue Madgwick (‘til June 2026) Viv Townsend (from July 2026)
The Observatory for Mathematical Education (from February 2026)	Chris Brignell
Office for Standards in Education (‘til November 2025)	Hannah Stoten/Steve Wren
The Office of Qualifications and Examinations Regulation	Sarah Old
The Royal Society	Cath Boulton
The Royal Society Advisory Committee on Mathematics Education	Anthony Tomei (‘til November 2025) Cath Boulton
Scottish Qualifications Authority	Georgina Holmes
Welsh Government Education Directorate	Amanda Hayman
Reciprocal arrangement	
Academy for the Mathematical Sciences	Lynne McClure

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 2025 to 31 July 2026:

Noel-Ann Bradshaw	Chair (retires November 2027; not eligible for re-election)
Chris Chipperton	Secretary (retired November 2025)
Alf Coles	Co-opted Trustee (from January 2025 to November 2026)
Fiona Curtis	Treasurer (retires November 2026: eligible for re-election)
Jenni Ingram	Deputy Chair (retires November 2027; eligible for re-election)
Sofya Lyakhova	Elected Trustee (from November 2024 to August 2025)
Helen Madeley	Co-opted Trustee (from February 2026 to November 2026)
Paul Milner	Co-opted Trustee (from November 2025 to November 2026)
Sue Pope	Secretary (elected November 2025)
Ruth Trundley	Elected Trustee (from November 2024 to November 2026)

   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 6 November 2025 (including the Annual General Meeting), 26 February 2025 and 13 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 raised. The afternoon sessions were given over to the discussion of topics: NFER research into mathematics teacher recruitment, Secondary Teacher Recruitment in the UK and Secondary Mathematics Teacher Degree Apprenticeships (6 November); Report from the Observatory for Mathematical Education (ROME 25), JMC working group report on Early Secondary Mathematics and Maths Anxiety related to Early Secondary (26 February); JMC/RS reports on Data Education, Algebra and Geometry (12 June).

8. **Commissioned Reports**

   The working group considering early secondary mathematics education in the UK produced its report early in 2026 https://www.jmc.org.uk/2026/03/03/mathematics-learning-and-teaching-in-lower-secondary-schools-in-the-uk/.

   JMC worked with the Royal Society to commission a Rapid Review of Data Education to inform the curriculum and assessment review in England, and curriculum developments in Scotland and Wales. This was undertaken by the Open University and is available on the JMC website https://www.jmc.org.uk/2026/02/12/rapid-review-of-data-education-within-mathematics-5-16/.

   JMC called for expressions of interest to update the JMC/RS reports on Algebra and Geometry, published in 1997 and 2001 respectively. A small team from UCL prepared the update on Algebra https://www.jmc.org.uk/2026/06/29/teaching-and-learning-of-algebra-pre-19/. A small team from the University of Exeter prepared the update on Geometry https://www.jmc.org.uk/2026/06/29/geometry/.

   These updates were intended to inform curriculum review across the UK and have been made widely available.

9. **British Congress of Mathematics Education Committee** BCME10 is scheduled for 23-24 October 2026 at the East Midlands Conference Centre in Nottingham. The co-chairs Ed Southall and Ruth Trundley have worked with a team of colleagues to prepare an exciting programme for the mathematics education community including researchers and practitioners.

10. **International Congress of Mathematics Education Bursaries Committee** (Chair: Paul Glaister) International Congresses of Mathematics Education are scheduled to be held every four years. ICME-16 will be held in Prague, Czech Republic in the summer of 2028.

11. **Meeting of Mathematics Subject Associations Special Interest Group** This group was established as a SIG of the JMC on 9 June 2017. The five classroom facing organisations: AMET, ATM, MA, NANAMIC and NAMA formally merged into the Association for Mathematics in Education (AMiE) in December 2025. JMC wishes AMiE every success for the future. AMiE continues as a participating body of JMC with up to three representatives at each meeting.

12. **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 the JMC's principal office.

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

The chair of the JMC attends meetings of the Education strand of the Academy for the Mathematical Sciences and the chair of the Education strand attends JMC general meetings.

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

The JMC has no employed staff or paid consultants.

13. **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 of the subscription income is used to cover the cost of three face-to-face meetings each year. Decreased meeting costs during the COVID-19 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 holding such conferences.

15. **Financial Position** The report on the JMC's financial position is included with the Annual Accounts which 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 which 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 and made minor amends.

    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 and updated 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



    Sue Pope

    Secretary

    10 September 2025

JMC annual accounts 1 August 2025 – 31 July 2026

Opening balance			84554.27
Expenditure			
meeting room/catering	*5000*	4168.08	
officer expenses	*1000*	1184.59	
speaker expenses	*500*	470.43	
rep & CfSA subs	*850*	250.00	
insurance	*400*	320.00	
internet	*500*	777.79	
projects	*13000*	14000.00	
BCME expenses		60106.59	81277.48
Income			
subscriptions 2025-26	*10500*	9791.00	
BCME income		27800.00	
bank interest	*300*	821.04	38412.04
Closing balance			41688.83
Balance in			
*current account		7645.77	
instant access account		458.82	
35-day deposit account		19010.40	
BCME current account		14573.84	41688.83
* of which 1219.76 = ICME bursaries restricted			

Budget 1 August 2026 – 31 July 2027

	Budget	
Expenditure		
internet	*800*	
officer expenses	*1000*	
meeting room/catering	*5000*	
speaker expenses	*500*	
rep & CfSA subs	*500*	
insurance	*400*	
projects x 2	*10000*	*16400*
Income		
subscriptions 2026-27	*10500*	
bank interest	*300*	*10800*
Excess of expenditure over income		*5600*

Expenditure exceeded income by £42,865.44, which was largely due to the expenditure on BCME event management and venue costs (c.£60,000) which was partially offset by sponsorship of £27,800. BCME will take place in October and it is expected that income from attendance fees will make up the shortfall.

Other expenditure was mostly in line with what was budgeted. Officer expenses were slightly higher due to the overlap of two secretaries as Chris handed over to Sue. The CfSA budget was not used as we did not have a CfSA rep attending meetings during the year.

Our subscriptions were lower than budgeted due to the withdrawal of the Education and Training Foundation and Ofsted from our observing bodies, and the delay in payment from the Wales Institute of Mathematical and Computational Sciences (now the Mathematics Support Programme Wales) from our participating bodies. Our subscriptions will be higher next year due to the addition of four small participating bodies – NMIT, ECMG, DN and CLRG, and the Observatory for Mathematical Education as an observing body, all of whom made part-payments this year. Interest received was higher as funds were transferred into an interest-bearing account during the year but, as this was depleted by the transfer of funds to BCME, will not continue at this level.

ICME's funds for bursaries of £1219.76 are still ring-fenced.

Our policy that reserves (other than those ring-fenced) should be approximately twice annual turnover is still standing at a higher value than that due to the surplus built up during the Covid period. The trustees feel that it is appropriate to allow the excess to be drawn upon gradually through the funding of projects and working groups. The trustees will be considering a suitable reserves policy for BCME moving forwards.

Treasurer Fiona Curtis



Independent examiner John Barton

