



Oxford Maths Festival

9 - 10 May 2026



Mathematical
Institute

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



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Saturday 9 May

Drop-in (free)

10:00–16:00

Mathematical Mayhem!

Ages 3+

Templars Square Shopping Centre

Drop-in

Hands-on mathematical games and activities. Play games, explore historical mathematical items from the History of Science Museum, and try a range of puzzles. This event features content inspired by Magic Mathworks and from the History of Science Museum.

Sunday 10 May

Booking required (free)

10:00–16:00 (allow 1 hour)

Crafty Maths with Ayliean

Ages 6+

Mathematical Institute (L2)

Create a beautiful mathematical object to take home. Origami, braiding, stitching, flexagons, mobius strip paper chains and colouring!

10:00–16:00 (allow 30 - 120 mins)

Hands-on Family Maths

Ages 5–13

Mathematical Institute (South Mezzanine)

Explore maths at your own pace with engaging, hands-on activities.

10:00–16:00 (allow 1 hour)

Mathematical Board Games

Ages 5+

Mathematical Institute (C1 & C2)

Board games with a mathematical flavour, suitable for the whole family. Including City of Zombies, SET, NMBR9, Qwirkle and many more.

11:00–11:45

WORKSHOP: Number, Shape and Pattern

Ages 4–5

Mathematical Institute (L5)

Join in a laughter-packed hands-on session with shapes, numbers and fun. Warning: sometimes the numbers misbehave – let us know if you spot any mistakes!

Provided by House of Maths

10:00–16:00 (allow 30–60 mins)

Explore the Maths Museum

Ages 5+

Mathematical Institute (L4)

Stay and play with some of our crazy interactive and hands-on mathematical objects and activities.

Provided by Mathematica IMEUSP

14:30–16:00

WORKSHOP: Tessellation

Ages 6+

Mathematical Institute (L5)

Explore how squares, triangles and hexagons fit together, and see what patterns you can create with pentominoes and hexiamonds.

Provided by House of Maths

10:30–11:30

SHOW: Mathemagic

Ages 7+

Mathematical Institute (L1)

Whether you love maths or you're a fan of trickery and illusion, all are welcome at this presentation of maths magic tricks.

Provided by Kyle D Evans

12:30–13:30

SHOW: Maths Secrets: How to Look Like a Genius

Ages 9–13

Mathematical Institute (L1)

Top tips for pulling off mind-reading feats and human-calculator wizardry, with plenty of tricks for you to dazzle your friends and family.

Provided by House of Maths

14:30–15:30

TALK: Blueprints: How Mathematics Shapes Creativity with Marcus du Sautoy

Ages 9+

Mathematical Institute (L1)

Marcus explores the relationship between art and mathematics and why the two disciplines might not be such polar opposites after all.



Children

Please ensure that children are supervised at all times. Minimum age limits apply to some sessions.



Photography

We are taking photographs at this event. If you do not wish to be photographed, please collect a lanyard from the helpdesk.



Food and drink

Light food and drinks are available from our café and there are designated tables available to consume food purchased on site.



Wifi

Internet access is available via The Cloud.



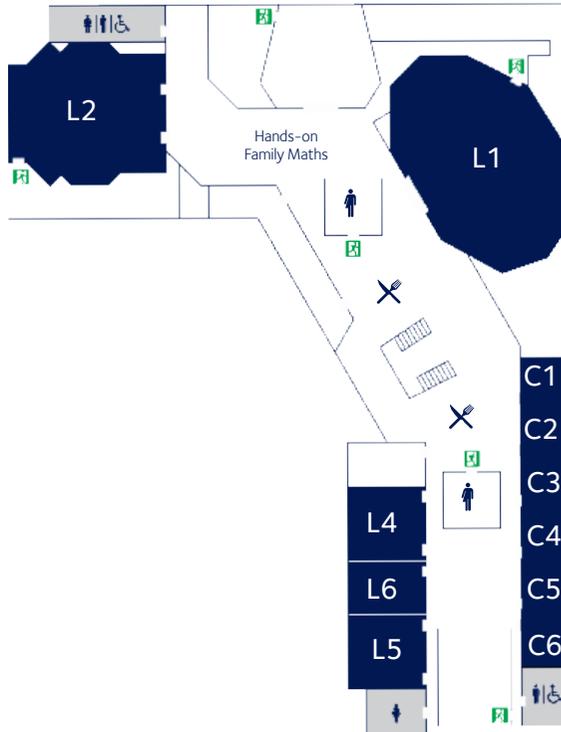
Quiet Room

C5 is designated as a quiet space/prayer room.



Babies & Toddlers

Entertain your pre-school children in our Early Years Area situated near Hands-on Family Maths. There are no baby change facilities on site.



Basement level

 Gender neutral toilet

 Picnic area