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Professor Ulrike Tillmann & Professor Paul Glendinning
Via email

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Dear Ulrike and Paul,

Thank you for your letter of 18 October to the Chancellor on the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) and funding for mathematics. Apologies for the delay in getting back to you. I am replying as the HM Treasury minister responsible for this policy area.

Research in mathematical sciences, primarily funded by UK Research and Innovation through the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council, is key for the advancement of all areas of science and technology, and a vital area of science in itself.

The Autumn Statement protects research and innovation, by recommitting to increasing direct funding for R&D to £20 billion a year across the UK by 2024-25. Through this settlement, the Government provided a c. £1bn increase in annual funding for UKRI by 2024/25. UKRI are responsible for allocating this funding to programmes and projects, including research in mathematical sciences. For further information on these allocations, please contact UKRI: communications@ukri.org.

Recognising the import role mathematics plays in R&D carried out by businesses, HM Treasury announced in the Spring Statement a widening of the scope of the R&D tax reliefs to include pure mathematics.

I can confirm that pure mathematics is considered within the remit of the NSTC.

Unfortunately, due to significant diary constraints over the coming weeks, I will be unable to meet. I'd like to thank you for your engagement on these important issues.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'JC', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Cartlidge MP
Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury