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The sigma Network gratefully acknowledges the funding it receives from HEFCE.

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8/9 September 2014, Cardiff University

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The third edition of the quarterly sigma Newsletter for practitioners and academics supporting higher education students in their learning of mathematics and statistics has been published.

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sigma Funding call - Six new centres announced

Posted on June 19, 2/14 by Janette Matthews

Following its recent funding call supporting the development of new mathematics and/or statistics support provision, **sigma** is delighted to announce the funding of six successful proposals. These are:

- University of Greenwich
- Lancaster University

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- · Vision West Nottinghamshire College

All six of these projects focus on the development of new provision and each will receive funding of up to £15,000 over two years. The planned provisions will be in place for the start of January 2015 and the project leads are already busy making preparations. **sigma** will be offering the projects support throughout their funding period, including linking up each new provision with an experienced mentor. More details of the projects will be available in the next sigma newsletter (sign up here).

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National Teaching Fellowship for sigma Associate Director

Posted on June 12, 2014 by Janette Matthews

We are sure that everyone associated with sigma would want to send their warmest congratulations to our Associate Director, Michael Grove, University of Birmingham. Today it has been announced that he has been awared a National Teaching Fellowship by the Higher Education Academy. A full list of new National Teaching Fellows can be found here:... Continue Reading

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Graduate numeracy tests - 16 July 2014

sigma-sw regional hub meeting - Graduate numeracy tests

Place: University of Bath, Bath

Date: Wednesday 16th July 2014

Registration: 11:00 End Time: 16:00

The main focus of the meeting is to consider how mathematics support centres may assist students with improving their numeracy when their end goal is to improve performance on graduate numeracy tests. Such tests...Read More »

Maths support – Who needs it and why (and what that means for our centres) – 27 June 2014

The **sigma** Midlands Hub is holding an event, *Maths support – Who needs it and why* at **The University of Wolverhampton**, Walsall campus on **Friday 27 June**, starting at **10:30am**.

If you have liaised with academics based in the subjects whose students use maths support, we would like you to share...Read More »

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Creating and maintaining a social media presence – 20 June 2014

Posted on April 20, 2014 by Janette Matthews

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sigma North West and North Wales "Get to know and learn from each other" afternoon – 11 April 2014

Posted on April 11, 2014 by Ifletcher

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CETL-MSOR Conference 2013 - 10/11 September 2013

The keynote speakers at the CETL-MSOR Conference held at Coventry University on 10th and 11th September were Dr Chris Sangwin School of Mathematics University of Birmingham, Professor Jeff Griffiths Professor of Operational Research, Cardiff University and David Youdan IMA, There was also be a plenary session presented by students currently...Read More »

Building online maths assessments using Numbas – 04 July 2013



The North East and Yorkshire sigma Hub supported a workshop on 4th July 2013 on Numbas, a web-based e-assessment system developed by a team at Newcastle University. Free to use and open-source with a user-friendly interface (see https://numbas.mathcentre.ac.uk/), Numbas allows the authoring of questions which include randomised content throughout and...Read More »

Comprehending Mathematical Proofs - 24 July 2013

Supporting the specialist mathematician:

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Posted on July 4, 2013 by aedwards

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Christian Perfect (Developer of Numbas, Newcastle University) delivering training

Nine universities were represented: Birmingham City University, University of Bradford, University of Hertfordshire, Loughborough University, Newcastle University, University of York, University of Bath, University of Leeds, University of Sheffield, together with attendees from me MEI (Mathematics in Education and Industry) and NMJ technologies.

The day-long workshop, hosted by University of York's Maths Skills Centre and E-learning Development Team and presented by the Numbas team from Newcastle University, provided an introduction and training on using Numbas and its question authoring facility.

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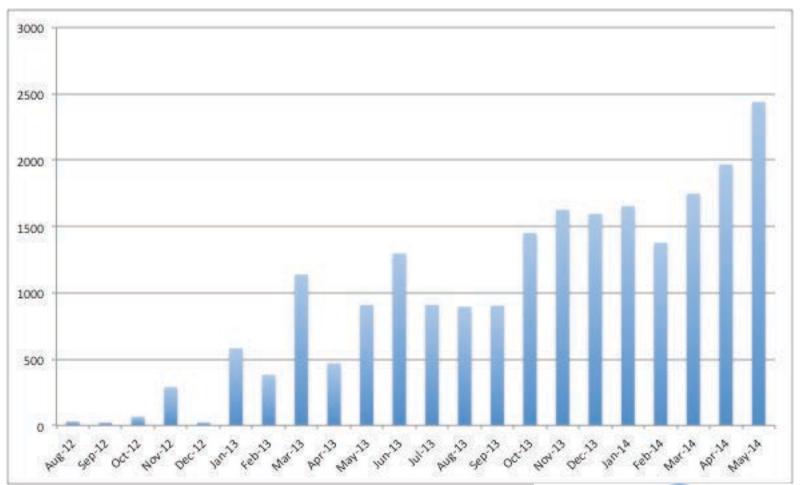
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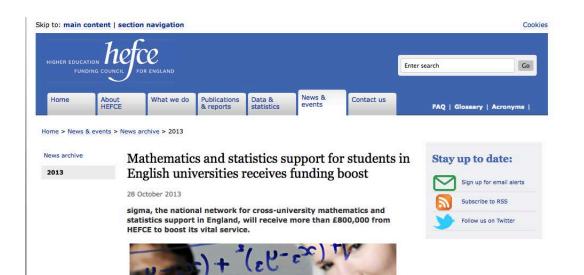
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Students increasingly need quantitative skills for success on their degree courses and for many the provision of specialist mathematics support is essential to ensure fair

sigma, established in 2005, has been a driving force in the creation of university-wide centres dedicated to helping students to develop and improve mathematical and statistical skills. It is led by Professors Tony Croft from Loughborough University and

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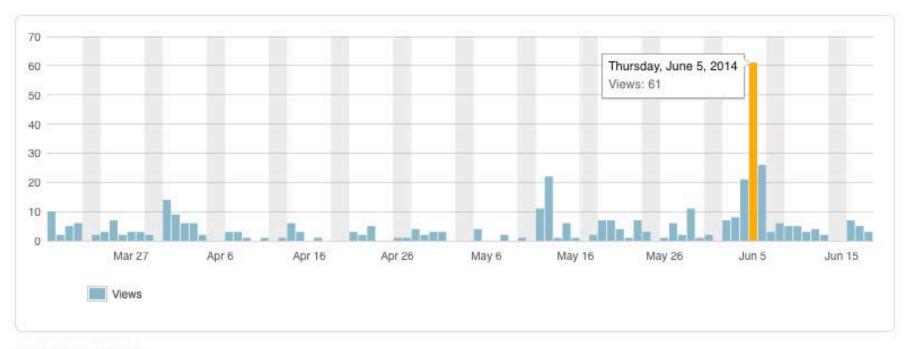
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access, retention, achievement and employability.

Duncan Lawson from Newman University.

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	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2014			59	63	105	166							393

Average per Day

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Overall
2014			4	2	3	10							4

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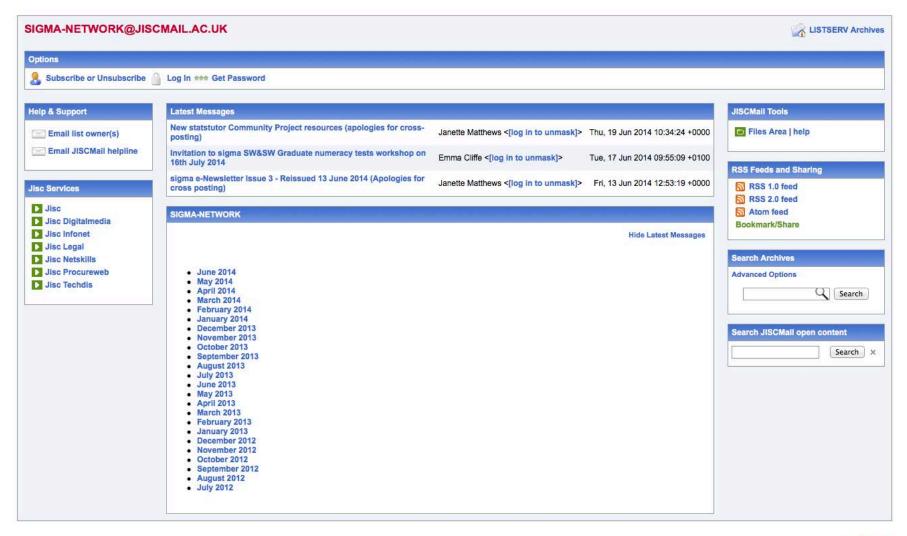


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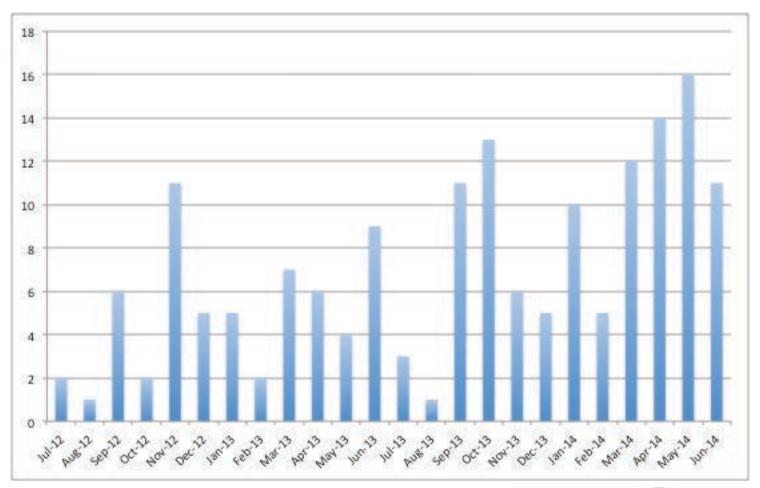
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