

PRESS RELEASE

10.00am Thursday 18th March, 2010, La Villette Hotel

BWCI Maths Masterclass

What do dice, playing cards and the classic computer game Asteroids have to do with Maths? Well a group of young people in Guernsey will find out in this year's BWCI Maths Masterclass.

Led by Dr Ted Graham from the Centre for Teaching Mathematics at the University of Plymouth, the main thrust of the two day event is to excite young people about studying maths. Activities will include drawing pictures on special graphics calculators, looking at probabilities using 'Dodgy Dice' and learning a card trick which is not a trick at all but a mathematical certainty.

'Pupils will be very surprised when they see the trick working for the first time,' said Dr Graham. 'By the end of the session they will have looked at how to change the factors involved in the trick and still be able to confidently predict the outcome.'

'They will see the application of several different aspects of mathematics, how mathematics can be applied to an unlikely situation and be able to impress their friends when they get home.'

More than two hundred pupils and students between the ages of nine and 18 will be taking part in the Masterclass which this year has a new sponsor, BWCI.

BWCI Partner Michelle Galpin said 'We are delighted to be able to sponsor these Masterclasses, not only because they are great fun, but also because they show the students how maths can be used in so many ways to solve practical problems.'

Note to Editors:

You are invited to attend the last part of session with some of the youngest pupils at 10am on Thursday 18th March at La Villette Hotel. The session ends at 10.30am when Dr Graham will be available for interview. Please note that the next session starts again at 11am.

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