

**School of Mathematical Sciences
PhD Forum**

Notes and Actions from Meeting held on 25.03.2021

Present:

Staff: Alex Fink (AF) Chair, Weini Huang (WH), Elisa Piccaro (EP)

Reps: Jasna Urbancic (JU), Tim Davis (TD), Katerina Zahradová (KZ), Nicholas Anderson (NA)

Students: Antonino Iannazzo (AI), Hankun He (HH), Kieran Ryan (KR)

Secretary: Katie Hale (KH)

Item Raised	Actions and Reports	Who	Progress
1. S&E student mailing list	Reps raised issue of an email sent to all S&E students that quickly received hundreds of replies Action 1.1: KH to speak to faculty	KH	Completed
2. One Drive / Share Point migration	Reps requested updates on this. Email from School on 1 st March stated that migration for the school is being planned and should take place between March and May. Action 2.1: KH to update when more information is released	KH	
3. Quips	AF asked if encouragement to talk at quips had been effective. More volunteers for talks are still needed. Attendance has been low. The issue of online fatigue was raised. Action 3.1: KH to remind Quips organisers to email EP with seminar details so these can be added to her seminar email roundup.	KH	Completed
4. Social isolation of PhDs	PhDs are feeling effects of social isolation. It was felt that 1 st years in particular have not had the usual opportunity to connect with fellow students. More online events may not be the answer as there is a feeling of zoom fatigue. It is hoped that the opening of the SMS building will help to ease this.		
5. re-opening of building	Details to follow over the coming weeks.		
6. PGR Day	Action 6.1: Date to be confirmed. Approx end May / start June. Action 6.2: AF to ask management about possibility of prizes for talk and poster Action 6.3: TD to look at how poster session at BMC-BAMC GLASGOW 2021 runs and feedback to AF.	KH AF TD	Completed
Date of next meeting	To be confirmed. Approximately October 2021	KH	