

## Headquarters of the New Mathematics Association

If the new mathematics association is agreed by the five current associations, an important issue is the location of the headquarters. Currently the only associations with an office are the Association of Teachers of Mathematics and the Mathematics Association. The MA owns its office in Leicester and the ATM rents an office in Derby.

Initially, all five associations will continue to function and their offices and staff will continue as they are at the moment. The trustees of the new association will then need to decide on the most appropriate way forward.

There are some important considerations which the trustees of the new association will need to make. There will be the need for an office and storage space, though staff have been working from home during the pandemic so that may continue to be the case. One important consideration is the building owned by the MA. Many national shops and hospitality venues have taken the viewpoint that, if they own some buildings and rent others, it is easier to just not renew the lease when it comes to an end on the rented premises rather than selling a building; but there are other considerations to be made.

The building in Leicester has served the MA well, but it is an older building which does not have disabled access and has limited parking. This limits its use and the staff who may be employed in the future. The trustees of the new association will need to consider the various alternatives which will include: upgrading it to today's standards, renting it out as office space or residential accommodation, selling the property. Detailed costings would need to be calculated before a decision is made.