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Dear Colleague

**SATURDAY MORNING MATHEMATICS MASTERCLASSES
FOR YEAR 9 PUPILS IN 2014/2015**

The Open University is organising a series of Saturday morning mathematics masterclasses in conjunction with Royal Institution and Bletchley Park, where the sessions will be held. We would like to invite you to nominate pupils to attend. These classes are **free of charge**. The Series will be held in the Autumn Term 2014 and there will be about forty places available in all. **All of the places will be allocated on the basis of this one invitation.** There will be another series of Ri mathematics masterclasses running in or near Bedford in the spring term; if it is easier for your students to attend this series, please email sdurbin@ri.ac.uk.

Further details, including dates and an application form to be completed by parents, may be found at our website, http://mcs.open.ac.uk/RI_MasterClasses/. Please duplicate the application form as necessary and distribute to interested children in the right age band, *i.e.* Year 9 in 2014/2015. Please emphasise that, whilst we aim to establish an enjoyable working atmosphere, the pupils who derive the greatest benefit are those who are most attentive and hard working. More information, including the dates of the masterclasses, may be found at the website.

Also at our website is a form to be completed by teachers: this gives us a good idea of how many pupils have been nominated. The demand for places is usually far greater than the number available, and we may not be able to accept all pupils you nominate.

Please return the completed teacher's form, and ask parents to return their completed application forms, to me at the address below, as soon as possible.

One of the aims of the masterclasses is to expose children to mathematics outside the school environment. Therefore, once we receive completed application forms, we write directly to the pupils (not parents or teachers) to let them know if they have been allocated a place.

We will of course be delighted if teachers from your school decide to attend, though there is no obligation. Further information (including spare forms) at our website, http://mcs.open.ac.uk/RI_MasterClasses/.

Yours sincerely

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