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Editorial

I am pleased to announce an important change which affects *The Mathematical Gazette*.

The Mathematical Association has signed a five-year agreement with Cambridge University Press (CUP). Under this new arrangement, the MA will continue to be completely responsible for the editing and production of the *Gazette*, so that the roles of the editorial team will remain precisely the same as before. However, CUP will take over the printing and distribution of the *Gazette*, marketing it alongside its other journals.

The advantage of this relationship is that it will make the *Gazette* available to a wider audience, particularly outside the UK. The journal already has a high reputation across the world, and you only have to look at the list of authors to see that its appeal is truly international. We hope that this agreement will make it much easier for all subscribers, including academic institutions, to access the journal. In addition CUP will produce an archive which will make it possible to obtain the journal electronically. At the same time, my role as Editor is unchanged and the *Gazette* is still the property of The Mathematical Association.

This seems a good time and place to emphasise the nature of the journal in the words of a mission statement which I send to new contributors. *The Mathematical Gazette* is read by teachers and students in schools and universities, academic mathematicians and enthusiasts who enjoy reading about the subject. As a guide, the level is from upper secondary school through to the first year of undergraduate studies, although there are many exceptions to this rule, particularly in the area of Euclidean geometry. We also welcome articles on the history of mathematics, on the application of mathematics in the real world and of a cultural or biographical nature. We are particularly keen to include material which is useful in the classroom for enriching the syllabus.

I would also like to make the usual appeal for readers to help in various ways. We are always looking for new contributions which meet the criteria in the paragraph above. The *Gazette* is a peer-reviewed journal, so I am always eager to recruit new referees, whose task is to read submissions and comment on their mathematical soundness and appropriateness.

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