

## Where will maths take you?

### **More Maths Grads into the future: the National HE STEM Programme**

More Maths Grads is a three year project funded by the Higher Education Funding Council for England ([www.hefce.ac.uk](http://www.hefce.ac.uk)) to develop, trial and evaluate means of increasing the number of students studying the mathematical sciences (ranging from pure mathematics to statistics, engineering mathematics, operational research and many other mathematically-rich subjects). A key aim of the project is to encourage participation from groups of learners who have not traditionally been well represented in higher education.

The project is one of four pilots funded in 2006 by the Higher Education Council for England – the others were Stimulating Physics, Chemistry for our Future and The London Engineering Project. Their aim was to build demand from students wishing to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) subjects in higher education.

In 2009, Hefce announced that, following the success of these projects, it would fund a second three year project combining all four pilots: the National HE STEM Programme ([www.stemprogramme.org.uk](http://www.stemprogramme.org.uk)). This will be a major initiative to promote STEM subjects throughout England and Wales. The pilot projects will form the starting points for this integrated project, which is already in early stages. It will engage with employers, working to enhance higher level skills in the workplace, and with universities to enhance accessibility of HE courses in these subjects.

All the resources created by More Maths Grads will continue to be available through the Maths Careers website ([www.mathscareers.org.uk](http://www.mathscareers.org.uk)) and the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics ([www.ncetm.org.uk](http://www.ncetm.org.uk)). All schools, FE colleges and universities in England and Wales will receive a copy of MMG In Box, a compendium of resources created by More Maths Grads.