

TeachMeet / Teaching Ideas Forum

Midday Tuesday 20th January 2026

Welcome and Main Purposes

Purposes behind organising such events:

- Provide all staff with opportunity to hear about nice things their colleagues are up to regarding teaching
- Provide all staff the chance to copy/adopt/join-in-with the nice practices their colleagues have adopted
- Provide speakers the chance to share their work and knowledge to help influence and support colleagues (useful for FHEA/SFHEA/AHE etc...)

More generally, just promoting sharing of teaching ideas across the School.

Future sessions

- So do please volunteer yourselves, or suggest names of others you'd like me to ask to speak in the future

Today's line-up

| Topic | Presenter |
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| <i>Mentimeter in Year 1</i> | Katarzyna Kowal |
| <i>STACK across the School</i> | Christina Cobbold & Francesco Giglio |

Abstracts

Increasing engagement using Mentimeter

Mentimeter has now transitioned from being an anonymous platform to one where instructors can meaningfully monitor student responses using a new feature called *Verified Participants*. The university has recently approved non-anonymous usage and updated privacy policies accordingly. Instructors can now require students to log in using SSO, which means instructors can now monitor student responses and make Mentimeter participation count as part of continuous assessment grades or offer other non-grade incentives to promote engagement. This also means that it is now relatively safe to ask open-ended free-response questions on Mentimeter. In the past, anonymity enabled inappropriate content being posted on the screen during lectures with no way of tracing down the perpetrators, so Verified Participants is also a welcome change from the point of view of security. Come along to find out how Verified Participants is working in Maths 1 and discuss possible opportunities for your courses.