

# VERONICA KELSEY

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## EDUCATION

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- 2018 - present    **PhD Mathematics** University of St Andrews  
Supervisors: Prof Colva M. Roney-Dougal and Dr Martyn Quick  
Research Topic: generation and base size of almost simple groups
- 2014 - 2018       **MMath Mathematics** The University of Manchester  
Average: 98%  
Dissertation: Mathieu groups and Chamber Graphs

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1]    **A Note on Involution Centralizers in Black Box Groups** - with P.J. Rowley  
*Journal of Group Theory*, J. Group Theory 23 (2020), no. 2, 287 - 297.
- [2]    **Chamber graphs of minimal parabolic sporadic geometries.** - with P.J. Rowley  
*Innovations in Incidence Geometry* 18 no. 1 (2020), 25–37.
- [3]    **Chamber Graphs of some Geometries that are Almost Buildings** - with P.J. Rowley  
*Innovations in Incidence Geometry*, 17 (2019), no. 3, 189 - 200.
- [4]     **$M_{24}$  Orbits of Octad Triples** - with P.J. Rowley  
*Graphs and Combinatorics*, Volume 34, (2018) Issue 6, pp 1429 - 1443.
- [5]    **Generating Finite Coxeter Groups with Elements of the Same Order**  
with S. Hart and P.J. Rowley. Submitted.
- [6]    **Maximal Cocliques in the Generating Graphs of the Alternating and Symmetric Groups** C. Roney-Dougal. Submitted.
- [7]    **A Note on the Rank 5 Polytopes of  $M_{24}$**  with R. Nicolaides and P.J. Rowley. Submitted
- [8]    **Imprimitive Maximal Cocliques in the Generating Graphs of the Alternating and Symmetric Groups** with C. Roney-Dougal. Manuscript.

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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- 2020    **Research in “Pairs”, MFO Oberwolfach** A funded research visit at Mathematisches Forschungsinstitut Oberwolfach.
- 2018    **St Andrews PhD scholarship** Fees and a stipend for 3 years of study.
- 2018    **Outstanding Academic Achievement Award** Presented to 0.5% of the Manchester students.
- 2018    **Institute of Mathematics and its Applications Prize 2018** Final year outstanding project.
- 2018    **President’s Doctoral Scholar Award (Manchester)** As part of a PhD offer (declined).
- 2018    **Nominated for The Distinguished Achievement Award** Undergraduate of the Year.
- 2017    **Fourth Year Scholarship** Tuition fee waiver.
- 2017    **LMS Undergraduate Research Bursary** Funding for a summer research project.
- 2016    **BP achievement award 2016** For an essay on Big Data.
- 2016    **Dalton scholarship** Academic achievement in 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- 2015    **Dalton scholarship** Academic achievement in 1<sup>st</sup> year.
- 2014    **Manchester Bursary** Academic achievement at A-level.

## TALKS

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Jan 2021	<b>Relational Complexity of Primitive Permutation Groups</b> Functor Categories for Groups meeting
Dec 2020	<b>Piscopia Society Talk</b> aimed to raise awareness of PhD options, highlight female and non-binary role models, and provide a support network
Oct 2020	<b>Base Size of Permutation Groups</b> North British Semigroups Network
June 2020	<b><math>M_{24}</math> and Octad Triples</b> Junior London Algebra Colloquium
May 2020	<b>Maximal Subgroups and Maximal Cocliques</b> York Algebra Seminar
Jan 2020	<b>Chamber Graphs of The Sporadic Groups</b> Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Mathematics Symposium, The Burn House
Aug 2019	<b>Maximal Cocliques in The Generating Graph of <math>S_n</math></b> Postgraduate Group Theory Conference, Birmingham
May 2019	<b>Octad Triples</b> Edinburgh Mathematical Society Postgraduate Meeting, The Burn
Apr 2019	<b>The Generating Graph and Maximal Cocliques</b> Algebra and Combinatorics Seminar, University of St Andrews
Jan 2019	<b>Maximal Subgroups and Maximal Cocliques</b> Postgraduate Interdisciplinary Mathematics Symposium, The Burn House
Nov 2018	<b>A Brief Introduction to <math>M_{12}</math></b> Pure Postgraduate Seminar, St Andrews
June 2018	<b>The Kitten, The MINIMOG and <math>M_{12}</math></b> Pure Postgraduate Seminar, Manchester
May 2018	<b>Mathieu Groups and Chamber Graphs</b> Masters Talk, Manchester
Mar 2017	<b>Imprimitive Wreath Products</b> Finite Groups Study Group, Manchester

## TEACHING

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I have produced a number supplementary handouts which students can download from my website, [veronicakelsey.github.io](https://veronicakelsey.github.io).

I have attended a Mental Health Training Day which provides staff with practical information on how to deal with student situations involving mental ill health.

2020	<b>Probability and Combinatorics</b> St Andrews
2020	<b>Abstract Algebra</b> St Andrews
2019	<b>Linear Maths</b> St Andrews
2019	<b>Combinatorics and Probability</b> (cover) St Andrews
2019	<b>Abstract Algebra</b> St Andrews
2018	<b>Linear Algebra</b> Manchester
2017	<b>Foundations of pure mathematics</b> Manchester
2016	<b>Linear Algebra</b> Manchester
2016	<b>Sequences and Series</b> Manchester
2016	<b>Introduction to Statistics, PASS leader</b> Manchester
2015	<b>Probability 1</b> Manchester
2015	<b>Sets, Numbers and Functions</b> Manchester

## CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

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Mar 2020	<b>Groups, representations and applications: new perspectives</b> (Invited participant) Isaac Newton Institute
Jan 2020	<b>Introductory Workshop</b> Isaac Newton Institute
Aug 2019	<b>Post Graduate Group Theory Conference</b> Birmingham
June 2019	<b>EWM-EMS Summer School</b> Institut Mittag-Leffler
May 2019	<b>Edinburgh Mathematical Society Postgraduate Meeting</b> The Burn House
May 2019	<b>North British Geometric Group Theory Seminar</b> St Andrews
May 2019	<b>Groups, Generalisations and Applications</b> St Andrews
Jan 2019	<b>Workshop on Groups, Generalisations and Applications</b> Aberdeen
Dec 2018	<b>The Functor Categories for Groups on Graphs and groups</b> Lancaster
May 2018	<b>The Manchester-Birmingham-London-Bristol “Triangle”</b> Manchester
Sep 2017	<b>LMS Prospects in Mathematics Workshop</b> Reading

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

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Oct 2020	<b>London Marathon</b>
Sep 2020	<b>Website Building</b>
June 2020	<b>Python Core and Advanced Course</b>
June 2020	<b>Basic online first aid course</b>
Jan 2020	<b>Postgraduate Intradisciplinary Mathematics Symposium</b> <b>Organiser</b>
2019/2020	<b>Pure Postgraduate Seminar</b> <b>Convener</b>
May 2019	<b>Mental Health Training Day</b>
2018 - present	<b>Mentor in Peer Mentoring scheme</b>
2017 - 2018	<b>MathSoc Seminar</b> <b>Convener</b> and <b>Topical Secretary</b>

## REFERENCES

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Prof Colva M. Roney-Dougal - PhD Supervisor  
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