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We’re delighted to be hosting an Open Day in Stranmillis College, Belfast on Sat Nov 4th from 10 am to 4 pm for Access and Level 1 students studying Science Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) modules.

This is a great opportunity to meet other OU STEM students, explore course choices and maybe career opportunities and learn more about the exciting work we do in the STEM faculty and across the wider university. If you haven’t managed to register, please feel free to just come along for part or all of the day.

Join us for a range of course ‘taster’ sessions, talks and workshops. Academic and support staff will also be available on the day to answer questions and provide one-to-one support and advice.

If you are coming for the whole event, there is a small café on site and some nearby food outlets, but we recommend that you bring your own lunch and use the opportunity to mingle with other students. We will be providing a space for students to sit around and share experiences. A full programme for the day is available above. Here’s a brief description of what will be on offer on the day.

**Subject Pathway and Module Choice**

Each School will hold a module choice session. In these sessions, each degree pathway for the school will be discussed, giving module choice options and advice.

**Access Students Welcome and Meet-up**

For Y032, Y033 and Y034 students this is a chance to meet each other, reflect on your Access experiences and find out about potential next steps, including how to navigate these. The session will be led by Lorna Sibbett who is a Staff Tutor in Access and Open.

**Science Session, introduction to Science Study Sites**

This session will introduce you to the wealth of information that can be found on the 3 Science study sites. Including forums where you can connect with other students, communities you can join and careers information. (Repeated morning and afternoon)

**The role of student support Ireland: how we can help you**

In this session, two of our Ireland Senior education advisors will discuss the supports available to OU students in Ireland. Following this session, they will be available for individual chats for a few hours.

**Level 2 Computing and IT Taster session**

Hear from Associate Lecturers on some of our Level 2 modules. We will explore the content of the modules to give you an idea of what to expect.

**Introduction to the Maths and Stats study site**

In this session, you will learn about the maths and stats study site which is available to all maths and stats students and potential students. It contains lots of resources to help you on your mathematical journey.
**Course Choice in Open Degree and Combined STEM**

Our Open Degree and Combined STEM Degree offer flexibility in your choice of modules. This session will outline the potential of these pathways and explore how you can develop a personally cohesive learning pathway.

**Password Power Play: Strengthening Your Digital Fortress**

This session will look at the world of passwords and explore techniques to secure your digital life. We will look at a password cracking tool to showcase just how quickly weak passwords can be broken. Find out about password managers; two-factor authentication and how to secure your Smart Devices. Get ready for an engaging journey that will empower you to take control of your online security.

**AI²: Artificial intelligence and academic integrity**

How might the use of generative AI (like Chat GTP) change how we act as academics with integrity? We shall consider what generative AI is, the need to be honest within our academic studies and how we might fairly make use of generative AI.

**Top tips for studying science at the OU**

This interactive workshop will give students the opportunity to learn from other students and an experienced tutor.

**Guardians of the Digital Realm: Phishing & Smishing Showdown**

Join with us as we look at the importance of staying vigilant online to protect personal and sensitive information. This will be an interactive adventure to learn about phishing emails, smishing, and how to spot and defend against cyber criminals who want to gain access to our credentials and money.

**Level 2 Maths Taster**

This session will help you decide if you are more suited to pure or applied maths. It will provide descriptions of pure and applied maths, showing how pure maths finds applications in the real world, whereas applied maths is commonly used in, for example, engineering etc. You will see a comparison of how M208 (Pure maths) and MST210/MS224 (Applied maths) treat vectors.

**Science study, drop-in session**

Come along to this informal session if you have questions about Science study.

**Skills you will need to move from Level 1 Science to Level 2 Earth & Environment modules**

An Experienced tutor will run a session highlighting the skills you need to move from level 1 modules to Level 2 in the areas of Earth and Environmental Sciences.

**Maths drop-in clinic**

Throughout the day, you can avail of one-one maths support. You don’t need to be on a maths pathway to use this clinic. It is available to anyone who may be struggling with a maths topic on their module.
TM129 Taster
In this session we will look at the three topics of TM129 – networking, operating systems and robotics. This essential Level 1 module can help you explore where your future career ambitions or your future interests might be.

Do the drugs work?
Interdisciplinary studies are essential in evaluation of drug safety and efficacy. Using examples of drug research, we shall explore the Biological / Chemical basis of drug action, the Maths of drugs trials and Ethics.

Why do Computing and IT student need to learn maths?
In this session we will explore why a good knowledge of mathematics is essential for students on Computing and IT pathways. It will demonstrate how maths is embedded in many computer applications.

Level 3 Maths Taster
In this session students will get to sample some discrete maths topics from a new level 3 maths module. Much of this maths is embedded in our everyday lives but we may not even be aware of it.

Your Level 2 Computing Modules - what to expect?
Looking forward to Level 2? Or not sure what to expect? A brief run through Level 2 computing modules. If you aren’t sure what route to take, we can help you look at your options whether software, networking, cyber, web or IT management.

Maths Education
Have you considered a career as a maths teacher or maybe you would like to work as a classroom assistant. In this session we will look at the Maths and its teaching degree and discuss the difference between teaching and learning maths. How does studying a maths pedagogy module differ to studying a traditional maths module?