The Royal Statistical Society responds to funding announced for an academy for the mathematical sciences

Dr Sarah Cumbers, chief executive of the Royal Statistical Society, commented: "It's encouraging to see support from the Chancellor for the establishment of the academy, which will be a powerful advocate and supporter of all of us in the mathematical sciences community.

"Given the growing demand for maths and data skills and the ongoing policy debates around maths education, establishing a body dedicated to fostering progress in these fields is a welcome step, and we look forward to further collaboration."

RSS President, Dr Andrew Garrett said: "Establishing a national academy for the mathematical sciences was a key recommendation of the Bond Review and I am pleased to see this taken forward with the financial backing required.

"A national academy is an opportunity to bring together all those involved in the mathematical sciences to increase impact and provide coherence on a range of important challenges, within so many of which, statistics and data are integral."

RSS Vice-President for Academic Affairs, Professor Jon Forster said: "This announcement is a critical step towards the realisation of the shared vision of the CMS Societies, including the RSS, for an academy which can provide a powerful voice for our disciplines and be a partner in furthering our joint interests in the development of the mathematical sciences in the UK and internationally.

"I look forward to RSS members continuing to contribute strongly to the Academy through the next stages of its development."