

# GLASGOW ALGEBRA SEMINAR INFOS FOR SPEAKERS

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## 1. GENERAL REMARKS

The seminar takes place on Wednesdays 4PM-5PM. At 3:30 we usually have tea and cookies in the common room, that is the right spot to meet us if you haven't come to my office 303 before that. All media possible: chalk, overhead slides, our PC, your laptop... The typical audience is pretty mixed, a low tech introduction is always welcomed!

## 2. HOW TO GET HERE

A good public transport planner is [www.transportdirect.info](http://www.transportdirect.info), you want to get to G12 8QW (our maths department), this is enough info.

**2.1. By train.** There are two main train stations in Glasgow, Queen Street and Central. From both get to Buchanan Street (pronounced Bucannon) subway station. From Central go straight on in the direction your train came in (i.e. roughly north). Leave the station through the main entrance ahead. Turn right and walk about 200m. Turn left when you reach Buchanan Street, the main pedestrian zone of Glasgow. There will be stairs and escalators in the middle of the street after 300m or so, that is the subway station.

In Queen Street station turn right after the ticket barriers and follow the crowd. When you get out of the station the entrance to the subway is just on the other side of the small parking place where the taxis stand, slightly to the right.

There is only one single circle line with trains in both directions. Get to Hillhead. There is only one exit there which brings you out on Byres Road. Turn left and then immediately left again into a small suspicious looking lane. At its end turn right into Ashton Lane full of bars. At its end (all this will take 3 mins) you go through the tunnel under the tall university building they call the Boyd Orr building and when you come out on the other side the maths department is on your left hand side.

**2.2. From Glasgow Prestwick Airport.** All very easy. You come out of security and follow the crowd into the check-in hall where you turn right. Do NOT go out onto the car park. At the end of the check-in hall (this is already the whole airport) go up the escalators. Go straight through the doors, a tunnel/bridge takes you over the motorway to the railway station. You need the farer platform at the very end of the bridge. Almost every train goes to Glasgow Central which is the final stop, you might have to wait up to 30 mins. Buy tickets on the train (keep for refund). Takes about 45 mins. If you arrive before 6AM or after 10PM or so please contact me. Now see Section 2.1.

**2.3. From Glasgow International.** Leave the terminal through any reasonable door. There are bus stances along the street. Number 747 takes you almost to the department. You want to get off at the bus stop “Kelvingrove, Western Infirmary” on Dumbarton Road - just ask the driver for the Western Infirmary. Takes ideally about 36 minutes. Tickets from drivers, unfortunately they will usually not give change.

Have a look at the map below, the bus stop is roughly where Dumbarton Rd crosses the river Kelvin in the bottom left corner of the map (just north of the Museum of Transport). Follow the obvious way along Church St, Byres Rd, Lawrence St, University Pl, at its end you look over University Ave and a car park right at the maths building.

If you are bold you can take directly from Dumbarton Rd a short cut through the Western Infirmary premises and come out on University Pl. Feel also free to take a taxi from the airport, it will cost slightly above 20 pounds (keep receipts).

**2.4. From Edinburgh Airport.** In front of the terminal there is a bus stop, the bus where most people go will take you to Edinburgh. You get off at Haymarket railway station - the driver should announce this but it doesn't hurt to ask him to do so. From Haymarket trains take you directly in about 45 mins to Glasgow Queen Street. Now see Section 2.1 above.

### 3. MAP AND HOTEL

Here is a map of the west end. The department is pretty exactly where the arrow points at. The  $\text{\textcircled{U}}$ 's are subway stations. Byres Rd is the main street of the west end, with supermarkets and other shops. In particular, there is a large Waitrose supermarket almost at the corner with Great Western Rd where you get food, stationary and other stuff.

Your hotel is most likely the Heritage which is also on the map, on Great Western Rd pretty much in the middle between Byres Rd and the river Kelvin. It is not directly accessible from the street, you have to use Cecil St or Hillhead St to get to the terrace above the shops on Great Western Rd where the entrance to the hotel is.

