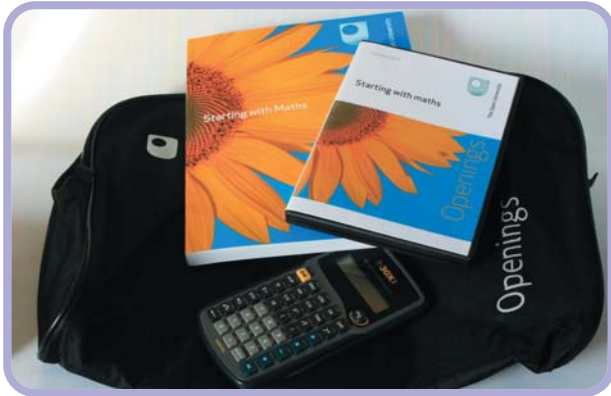


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The Open University's Knowledge Media Institute (KMi), is founded to create and study future technologies for the benefit of Open University students, staff, industrial sponsors, as well as local and global learning communities.

More than 20,000 tons of study material has been sent to students by The Open University since 1969.

The Open University launches a degree programme in Singapore.

1998 saw the 25th anniversary of the University's first graduation ceremony and the 200,000th graduate.

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The Open University launches a nationwide service to validate the degrees of other academic institutions – Open University Validation Services.

Over 20,000 overseas students now studying with The Open University.

It was established in 1991 that an Open University course cost approximately  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a traditional course.

Betty Boothroyd, Speaker of the House of Commons, is announced as the next Chancellor of The Open University.

Jocelyn Bell Burnell was appointed as the first female professor of physics in the UK.



Baroness Betty Boothroyd of Sandwell was Chancellor of The Open University between 1994 and 2006