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MEI Chief Executive awarded MBE for services to education

Charlie Stripp, MEI's Chief Executive, has been awarded an MBE in the 2015 Queen's New Year Honours List in recognition of his services to education.

Charlie taught mathematics for 10 years in the state sector before joining Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI) in 2000 to set up the pilot project that eventually became the Further Mathematics Support Programme. He became MEI's Chief Executive in 2010.

Charlie is also Director of the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM), seconded from MEI on a half-time basis, and is regularly consulted by the government on mathematics education issues.

Charlie said:

"I am delighted for my work to have been recognised with this very special honour. In recent years there have been unprecedented changes in mathematics education, particularly in curriculum development and the professional development of teachers, and it has been a privilege to have been in a position to influence them."

Gerald Goodall, MEI's Chairman said:

"MEI plays a leading role in expanding opportunities for access to high quality mathematics education and we are very fortunate to benefit from Charlie's

leadership. MEI's trustees and staff are delighted to see Charlie's hard work and dedication recognised in this way."

Notes for editors:

1. Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI) (www.mei.org.uk) is an independent charity that is committed to improving mathematics education for all. For more information about MEI see www.mei.org.uk.

2. The Further Mathematics Support Programme (www.furthermaths.org.uk) is a government-funded initiative, supported by the Department for Education and managed by MEI. It follows on from the very successful 'Further Mathematics Network' initiative, which was set up following a successful 5 year pilot project that was developed by MEI and funded by the Gatsby Charitable Foundation.

3. The National Centre for Excellence in Teaching Mathematics (NCETM) supports schools, colleges, individuals and organisations engaged in mathematics-specific CPD. It is funded by the Department for Education. For more information see www.ncetm.org.uk.

4. For detailed background information on Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI), please see www.mei.org.uk.

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