

**Department of Mathematics
King's College London
Heads of Department**

George Temple	1936-1939 and 1945-1953
John (Jack) Semple	1939-1945 and 1953-1969
Hermann Bondi	1969-1971 (in absentia)
Albrecht (Ali) Fröhlich	1971-1981 (acting Head 1969-1971)
Clive Kilmister	1981-1984
Peter Saunders	1984-1990
Brian Davies	1990-1993
David Robinson	1993-1996
Colin Bushnell	1996-1997
John Erdos	1997-2001
Alice Rogers	2001-2004
Andrew Pressley	2004-2009
Jürgen Berndt	2009-2013
Simon Salamon	2013-2017
Reimer Kühn	2017- 2019 (acting Head Feb-Jun 2016)
Steven Gilmour	2019-

Early Professors

Arthur Jolliffe (from 1924 to 1936) was effectively HoD before Temple, but it is not clear when the formal title was created. Before him, there had been [six professors](#). Their dates of appointment were as indicated below.

Thomas Grainger Hall 1830

William Henry Drew 1869 was notable for his book '*Geometrical Treatise on Conic Sections* (1857)'. The noted statistician and polymath Karl Pearson deputised for Drew in 1881 before being appointed to the Goldshmid Chair at University College London in 1884. (Wikipedia biog.)

William Henry Hoar Hudson 1882

Stuart Arthur Frank White 1903

[John William Nicholson](#) 1912 would today be regarded as a physicist, and made many substantial contributions to astronomical spectroscopy before the development of quantum theory.

George Barker Jeffery 1922 was an applied mathematician who made contributions to hydrodynamics, viscous liquids, elasticity and general relativity.