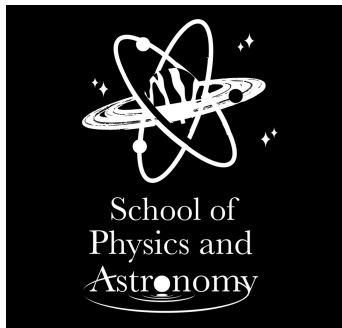


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“Nottingham has been a global leader in astrophysics, especially in galaxy evolution. To lose so many key academics would be devastating to not just Nottingham but astrophysics all over the world. ”

Benjamin Floyd

University of Portsmouth



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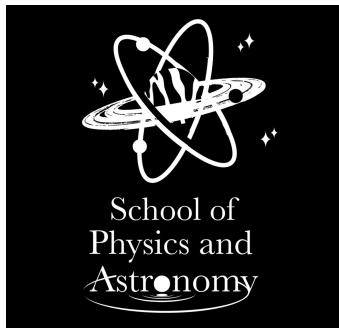


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“The Physics & Astronomy department at Nottingham is a huge part of the UK astronomy, cosmology and astrophysics communities, and these appalling cuts would damage not only this standing but derail the lives and careers of many excellent researchers. Full solidarity.”

Beth McCarthy Gould

Newcastle University



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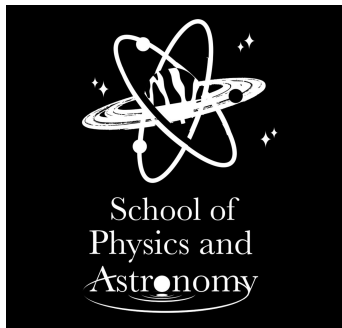


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“Astronomy is a powerful driver of engagement in STEM and plays a vital role in developing future scientific leaders. Cutting an internationally respected Astrophysics department through major redundancies would result in a serious loss of talent, damage the University’s global reputation, and weaken both research and teaching excellence. Given the department’s world-leading research achievements and success in attracting outstanding young researchers, dismantling it would be a deeply short-sighted decision, as such excellence cannot be quickly rebuilt once lost.”

Prof. Dr. Eva K. Grebel

Astronomisches Rechen-Institut (director), Heidelberg University



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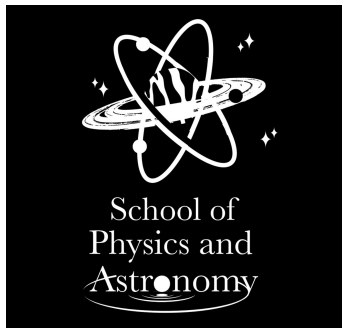


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“Too much power has been moved away from departmental Boards of Studies in all UK universities resulting in poorer centralised decision making than previously and leading to disastrous situations like this where excellent research groups like Nottingham’s astrophysics group are threatened with closure.”

Tom Shanks

Durham University



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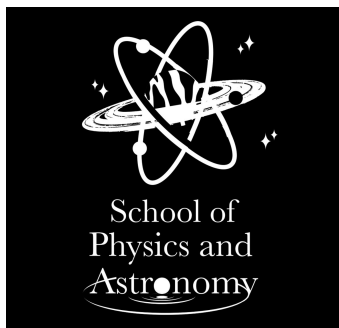


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“As a long-standing collaborator with the School of Physics and Astronomy — through the QSimFP programme in quantum simulation of false vacuum decay, and through deep connections with the cosmology group — I have seen first-hand the exceptional calibre of research and the collaborative environment that Nottingham has built over decades. The proposed redundancies would inflict irreversible damage on a department whose contributions to fundamental physics, from laboratory analogue cosmology to observational and theoretical cosmology and astrophysics, are recognised internationally. At a time when the UK's standing as a reliable research partner is already under strain, this act of institutional self-harm sends a devastating signal. The University's leadership must find an alternative path.”

Hiranya Peiris

Professorship of Astrophysics (1909) at the Institute of Astronomy, University of Cambridge, Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics 2018



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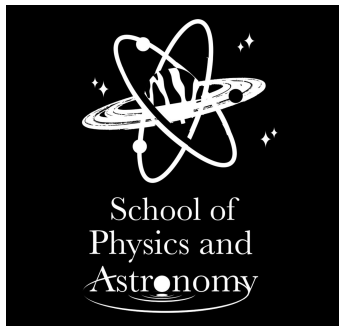


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“A sad testament of today’s academic world that cuts of this magnitude can be threatened. The Nottingham group are amongst world leaders in their research, and astrophysics course content remains a strong reason for bringing young people into STEM and related areas, and raising their expertise and excitement in areas that are of great benefit to UK PLC. The threats are short-sighted and will harm both the university’s reputation and that of the UK as a leading scientific nation. Please reconsider.”

Prof Glenn J White

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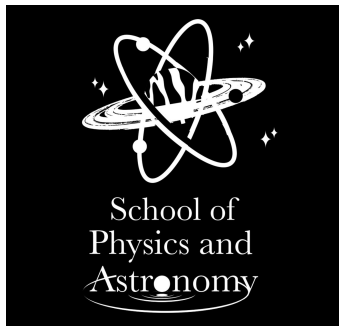


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“Nottingham have a world-class astrophysics research group, and a thriving physics department. The proposed redundancies would irreversibly damage the capability of the department for research and teaching, and the reputation of the University for international colleagues and prospective students. ”

Ben Maughan

University of Bristol



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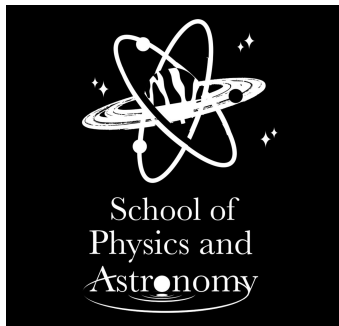
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“Nottingham has an incredibly strong astrophysics group that I am consistently impressed by and envious of. It would be a huge loss to see it carved up.”

Prof Michael McDonald

Massachusetts Institute of Technology



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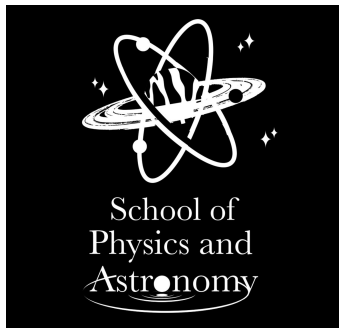
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“I consider the restructuring plan as it is now, simply an insult to the worldwide recognized very high quality of research in astrophysics at the Nottingham University.”

Andrea Biviano

INAF-Osservatorio Astronomico di Trieste



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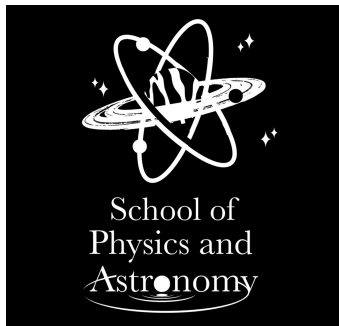


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“Nottingham has a strong international track record in Physics and Astrophysics. Fundamental sciences such as these are critical, and should not suffer for short term gains.”

Simon Driver

University of Western Australia



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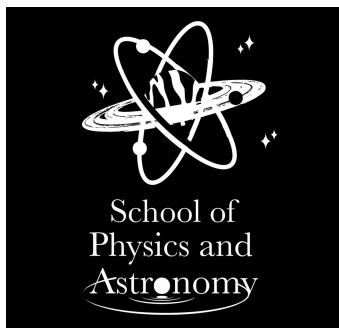


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“Last year, I had the privilege of visiting the University of Nottingham and giving a seminar to the Astronomy and Astrophysics group. I came away impressed by the group’s energy, creativity, and momentum, and by the vibrant and collaborative environment where talented students and researchers actively engaged with major scientific questions. In Astronomy, Nottingham is recognized internationally as a powerhouse whose influence and research profile far exceed what many would expect from a university of its scale and standing. Moreover, the University’s Physics and Astronomy students have a reputation for being technically strong, creative, and intellectually independent - something that is itself the product of years of sustained investment and academic vision. I find it difficult to understand what could compel Nottingham to contemplate dismantling one of its genuine academic strengths. This is especially short-sighted because fields such as Astronomy and Physics also serve a broader purpose: they attract exceptionally capable and innovative young people and train them in precisely the kinds of skills that are now in growing demand across many sectors - data science, advanced computing, AI, quantitative modelling, and the management of complex problems and large datasets. These disciplines do far more than prepare students for employment; they cultivate a rigorous and highly adaptable way of thinking that modern Britain increasingly needs. I strongly urge the University leadership not to proceed with what is sure to be a deeply damaging mistake.”

Prof. Arif Babul

University of Victoria



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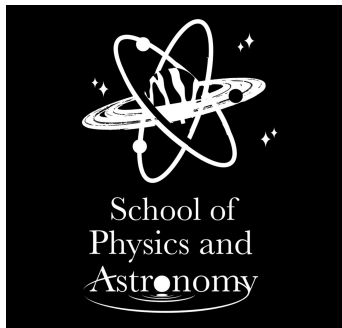


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“Nottingham is a global leader in both theoretical and observational astrophysics. I’m horrified that the university there is willing to lose this, along with public trust and institutional reputation.”

Darren Croton

Swinburne University of Technology



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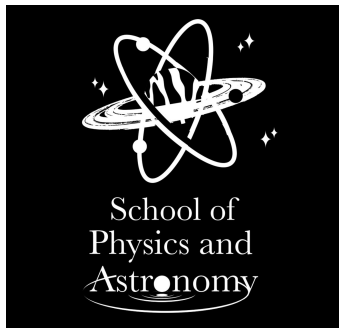


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“To say cutting jobs within physics and astronomy is shortsighted is a severe understatement. These subjects underpin student recruitment in STEM subjects which are a national priority. Furthermore, astrophysics research provides key in depth training in data science with astrophysics researchers being earlier adopters of machine learning and AI for scientific discovery. Nottingham is only a top university due to these same academics who are now under threat!”

Prof. Matt Jarvis

University of Oxford



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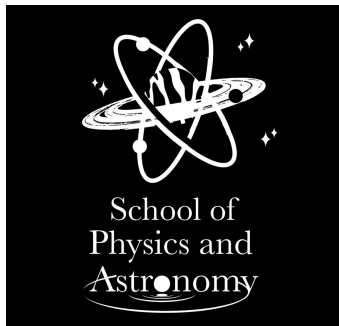


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“The School of Physics and Astronomy of the University of Nottingham is world-renowned for the outstanding research and teaching quality of its staff. The proposed plan for redundancies would be an extremely short-sighted act that would damage not only the School and the whole University, but also British excellence in astrophysics. The colleagues in Nottingham have my strongest support and I urge those in charge to reconsider such an unjustifiable decision.”

Bianca Maria Poggianti

INAF-Astronomical Observatory of Padova, Director



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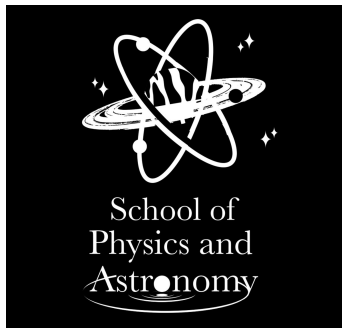


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“I am not sure whether any decision-maker will ever read this, but dismantling such a successful and high-impact Astrophysics department would be a profoundly short-sighted decision. Research excellence is not something that can be rebuilt overnight once lost.”

Armando Gil de Paz

Universidad Complutense de Madrid



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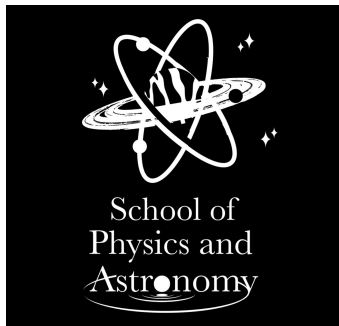


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“I am privileged to have known and worked with several colleagues in extragalactic astrophysics at Nottingham, including external examination of some excellent PhD candidates there, and it is one of the premier astronomy groups in the UK and this would be an immense loss and incredibly damaging to the UK's world-leading reputation in the field. Has senior management thought about the consequences of these actions to current PhD research students there losing key members of their supervisory teams - meaning they would be unlikely to be able to complete their degrees? PhD projects are highly specialised and supervision is highly unlikely to be something that can simply be handed over to other colleagues.”

Professor Kristen Coppin

University of Hertfordshire



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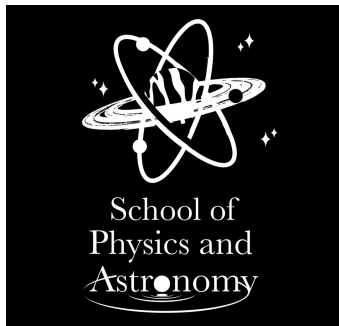


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“Academics working in data-intensive areas such as astrophysics are the future of the university sector and feed the UK's data intensive / machine learning skills pipelines. Cutting academic staff posts damages the long term health of the university, and it is unconscionable that this is driven in turn by past spending on vanity capital projects. ”

Prof. Stephen Serjeant

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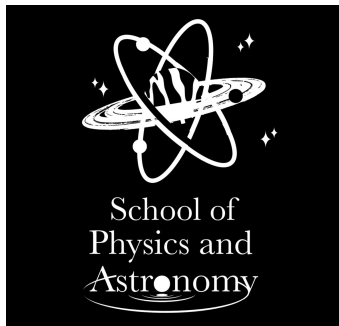


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“I want to bring to the attention of the University of Nottingham executive two points they seem to have misunderstood. 1) in the field of Astrophysics, the University of Nottingham is respected the world over. Their research output exceeds expectations for an institute of its class. Its students are valued in their competence and originality. If you want to focus on Strengths, then turn your attention to boosting the department, not hurting it. 2) Astrophysics as a field of study is a Hoover for attracting innovated and brilliant minds and naturally converting them into productive employees with the highly-desired skills in data science, computer science, project management, and AI that many critical sectors are seeking; Astronomy and Physics making data science a way of life, not just a way to a job.”

Eric Tittley

Institute for Astronomy, University of Edinburgh



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