

Maths man Gareth's global books mission

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An academic author seems to have found the winning formula as his maths books have been used across the world.

Gareth Rowlands, of Pine Grove, Brookmans Park, has launched what he called "an international mathematics project".

And the 61-year-old's summing up of his venture seems accurate with his textbooks being used from the UK to Liberia, Zambia, Rwanda, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania in the Africa and in the Middle East, the Far East, South

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Gareth is a retired maths teacher and lecturer.

He said: "I strongly believe that every mathematics book can be made an attractive and popular resource by interspersing the text with brightly coloured diagrams, interesting illustrations, amusing brain teasers, activities, projects and model making exercises, and



■ Gareth Rowlands with a selection of his maths books which are used around the world

along with these, applications of all mathematics topics to students' day to day lives, environment and experiences."

He added that his motto is: "You can do it and you will, mathematics can be fun.

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Gareth hopes his books will help students "acquire skills and

thinking processes for their everyday lives and future aspirations, to be able to communicate by explaining accurately and predicting events and to be able to develop positive attitudes by being orderly and well organised in all they do".

He said his books "are popular with teachers and students and go a long way in helping students to succeed in their examinations".