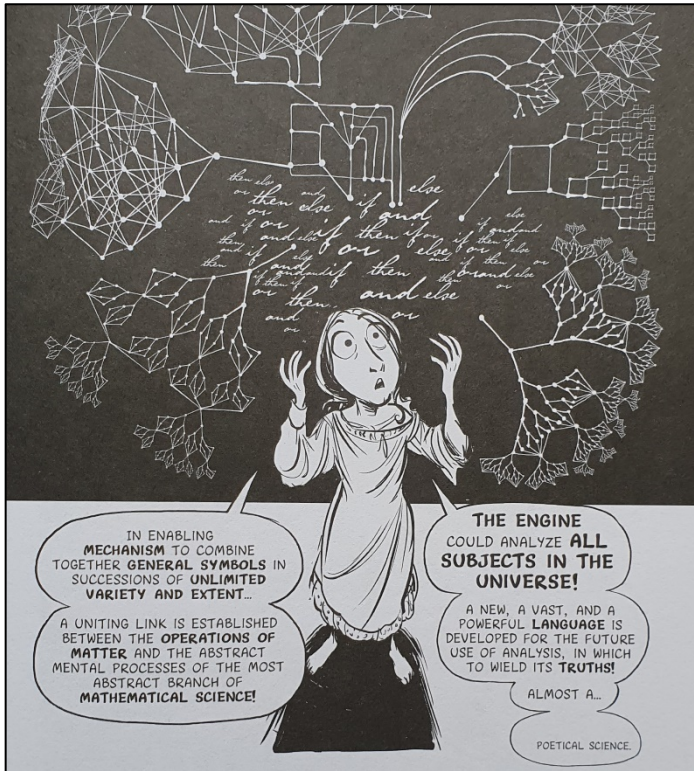




4. A MACS Ada Lovelace Day Celebration for 2023 – Update



Imagine taken from: *The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace and Babbage* by Sydney Padua (2015)

A MACS Ada Lovelace Day 2023 event will take place on **Wednesday 11 October**. The venue is the National Robotarium in Edinburgh. The event will start at 1pm with a lunch followed by a team-based quiz.

The event will be open to all staff and students. Registration will be required in order to manage numbers and create the teams – registration details will follow at the start of semester.

A separate Ada Lovelace outreach event will take place in the autumn involving local high school pupils.

If you would like to contribute to the organization of either event then please get in touch via:

athena-macs@hw.ac.uk

Organizers: Nancie Gunson, Kathrin Stark, Karen Donaldson, Jen Hurley, Marta Romeo, Alistair McConnell, Priyanka Billa, Mark Lawson, Audrey Repetti and Andrew Ireland.

5. MACS Athena SWAN 2024 Submission – Update

MACS currently holds an Athena SWAN Bronze Award – first awarded 2015 and renewed 2018 (where we were close to achieving a Silver Award). Our award is up for renewal at the beginning of autumn 2024. We are again striving for a Silver Award. Over that last year, we have focused on ensuring that the current Action Plan is achieved. This summer will mark the start of a ‘reflection and analysis’ phase – this will draw about numerous datasets managed by Heriot-Watt University – datasets that relate to equality, diversity and inclusion. Come the autumn, we will use focus groups where we find gaps in the datasets. The formulation of a new Action Plan and the final rewrite-up will start in the New Year. Whether you are a student or are a staff member, you are very welcome to join the Athena SWAN Team – just group an email to athena-macs@hw.ac.uk.

If you have suggestions or questions related to Athena SWAN, or an event that you would like to advertise, then please send them to us via athena-macs@hw.ac.uk. In addition, if you would like to be part of the MACS Athena SWAN Team (i.e., officially known as the SAT Self-Assessment Team) then please do get in touch.

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