

**Challenge 138: What's the point?**

The curve with equation  $y = x^2 - 2x - 3$ , where  $b$  and  $c$  are positive real numbers, crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $A$  and  $B$ , and the  $y$ -axis at  $C$ .

If you draw the circle that goes through all the points  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , what are the co-ordinates of the other point where it crosses one of the axes?

What about the curve with equation  $y = x^2 - x - 3$ ? Or  $y = x^2 - 3x - 3$ ?

Can you generalise for curves of the form  $y = x^2 - bx - c$ , where  $b$  and  $c$  are positive real numbers?