

Junior Mathematical Challenge 2024

On Thursday 25th April the whole of Year 8 and also, for the first time in several years, a select band of 34 Year 7 students were entered for the 2024 JMC.

The Gold award winners were:

Year 7: Ilham Ariyan, Joshua Badri, Franklyn Bensley, Hakeem Bhatt, Pratham Dwarakanath, Arnab Gupta, Evie Lu, Abdul Maqeeet, Aarush Mariyar, Yusuf Shah, Srikanth Subramani, Hriman Surani, Jessica Ukaobasi, Paarth Vashishtra and Jerry Zheng.

Year 8: Ali Abbas, Asmaa Akudi, Cody Alder, Adis Alisic, Ritun Anand, Rameesha Anwar, Leo Asare-Ado, Aizah Atiq, Emaan Badshah, Austin Beardsmore, Ayaan Bostan, Sofia Bullas, Kushaagra Chaturvedi, Isaac Chen, Tanush Chetan, Lois Claughton, Aayush Das, Neelansh Gudia, Hassan Hariri, Safah Karim, Alys Kaushiva, Alfa Ko, Shivam Kumar, Aaron Leuva, Nirvi Lohiya, Yihang Luo, Hugo Ma, Neev Mahi, Parin Mangal, Martha Meredith, Prince Mistry, Abdullah Nadeem, Tinh Nguyen, Anvi Patil, Anya Perera Kuran, Zara Raza, Jibran Razvi, Qasim Riaz, Huzaifah Sajjid, Sarthak Sarkar, Tanya Shelton, Ammaar Siddiqui, Mashal Siddiqui, Swasti Singh, Shaurya Singh, Jonathan Tran, Michelle Ukaobasi, Isaac Wong, Sid Wrigglesworth and Yoyo Zheng.

Congratulations to all these Gold winners, but also to the many other students who were awarded Silver and Bronze Certificates.

43 of the Gold winners have qualified for the next stage, the Kangaroo challenge.

Special congratulations to Joshua Badri (below) in Year 7 who achieved full marks—an incredible feat. Joshua, along with fellow Year 7 students Yusuf Shah and Hriman Surani, and Year 8 student Alfa Ko have qualified for the Olympiad challenge. Well done!!



Hustings



Head Student Hustings

The recent Head Student Hustings concluded earlier this week, setting the stage for the selection of our next student leaders. Coordinated by Mr. Longridge and Mrs. Broadbent, the hustings provided a platform for seven exemplary candidates to talk about themselves, share their manifestos, and shine. Fiona George, Ayan Gupta, Sam Jones, Rishi Mikkilineni, Maryam Nasar, Emily Sharp, and Eleanor Turner each delivered compelling two-minute speeches, outlining their visions and aspirations for our school community. The candidates showcased a diverse range of perspectives and initiatives, from advocating changes to our rewards system to championing student voice. These candidates emerged from a competitive pool of 21 applicants following a rigorous shortlisting process. Now, the spotlight shifts to the next phase of the selection process, as the candidates prepare to face the Student Interview Panel and then a separate interview with members of the Senior Leadership Team. As deliberations loom on the horizon, the anticipation builds. Who among these promising candidates will be chosen to lead our school into the academic year of 2024-2025? The answer awaits!



Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Pathway

This week we were delighted to welcome students from the University of Leeds, who delivered two talks to students in Key Stages 4 and 5 on studying History and English at university. It was fascinating and inspiring to learn how the students' academic interests became more specialised as they progressed on their degrees, and also of the various careers opportunities that are open to students in the Arts and Humanities beyond university. Many thanks to Leeds' Arts Outreach team and their wonderful ambassadors: Ffion, Ani, Hannah and Katie.



Next week, we look forward to welcoming back two HGS alumni. Niamh and Lewis both progressed to the from HGS to the University of Oxford in 2017, and Lewis is currently on a scholarship at Princeton in the US on secondment from his PhD in English at the University of Cambridge while Niamh has just been awarded a distinction in her Masters in Medieval History at the University of York. Both alumni will present to our students on their academic journeys and experiences since leaving HGS, with Niamh's talk on Thursday lunchtime and Lewis' at 13.15 on Friday 24 May.



UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS



Gold DofE Expedition March 2024.

The group set out from Buttermere Youth Hostel on a very windy and wet Saturday morning to start their Expedition. Thankfully they weren't going particularly high because one member of the groups water bottle got pulled out of the side of her rucksack by the wind before the first checkpoint. They were progressing well, but the decision was made to alter their route and not go over the top of Catbells due to the adverse weather but instead take the lower path round the side. The distance was still similar just without the climb up and over. They arrived at the campsite down Borrowdale in high spirits despite the wind and the rain. They got their tents up speedily and were thankful for the farmers barn where they were able to shelter and play cards after their tea.



Thankfully, the next day the weather was a lot better. The wind calmed and the rain cleared to leave a bright, sunny and

They were up early on Monday and unfortunately the sunshine of the previous day had disappeared and was replaced with horrible drizzly rain. The first part of the day saw them climb up and over Wansfell to drop down into Troutbeck. With no views at the top, they didn't hang around and descended quickly. From here they climbed over the Garburn Pass to Kentmere and then on to Sadgill. Here they filled up their water bottles and refuelled before heading off on the last part of their day walking up to the Bothy at Mosedale Cottage where they would stay for the night.

clear day even though it was still quite cold. They made the long trek over the top and down into Grasmere. Although they didn't have to battle the wind that day they did say that the ground was extremely boggy at points, and this had slowed them down slightly. However, they had set off early enough that it meant they still arrived at a good time. Despite the fact that it wasn't particularly warm, the sunshine meant that they treated themselves

to an ice cream in the village before they carried on their walk into the campsite. Here they were able to have a hot shower and a good hot meal and rest before a long third day.



The next day they progressed onwards towards Sleddale Reservoir before heading on to the finish in Shap. It was lovely to meet the group and hear all about their evening in the Bothy. They had been warm and dry, if not particularly comfortable but they had enjoyed their experience. They had needed to navigate some very boggy ground up to the top but they were all safe and well and happy to have completed their expedition.

Well Done to the group. They had worked in some challenging conditions and to do this so early in the season and only a week on from their Practice Expedition was truly outstanding.

DIARY DATES

Thursday 23 May -
Youth Theatre Performance

Friday 24- Tuesday 28 May
New York Trip

Friday 24 - Friday 31 May
Springbreak half-term - School closed

Tuesday 4 June
Year 8 HPV Vaccine

Wednesday 5 June
Year 7 Magna Trip 8.30am-4.00pm

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OPEN EVENINGS
19 & 20 JUNE 2024
5PM - 8PM

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