



UNITED KINGDOM MATHEMATICS TRUST

Young Mathematical Minds Triumph at International Maths Olympiad with Top Ten Finish!

Two young students representing the UK have won gold medals at the world's most prestigious mathematics competition, the International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). Warren Li and Neel Nanda competed against other mathematically gifted students from over 100 countries worldwide. The remaining four team members, Joe Benton, Jacob Coxon, Lawrence Hollom and Harvey Yau, completed the UK's full haul of medals. This stunning performance gave the UK its best team placing since 1996, coming equal 7th (with Russia) out of 109 participating countries, and top of Europe.

The six students representing the UK were:

Joe Benton (St Paul's School), Silver Medal

Jacob Coxon (Magdalen College School), Silver Medal

Lawrence Hollom (Churcher's College), Silver Medal

Warren Li (Eton College), Gold Medal

Neel Nanda (Latymer School), Gold Medal

Harvey Yau (Ysgol Dyffryn Taf), Silver Medal

The team was accompanied by the Team Leader and Chair of the IMO, Dr Geoff Smith (University of Bath), and the Deputy Team Leader, Dominic Yeo (University of Oxford).

The UK team entry is organised by the UK Mathematics Trust, and supported by Oxford Asset Management. Rachel Greenhalgh, Director of the Trust, said "Congratulations to the UK team on their fantastic performance! To all come home with medals, and a team finish of joint 7th, is a fabulous achievement. I thank all those involved, from the maths teachers who support our activities to the UKMT volunteers who run them on our behalf, in helping make this possible. We look forward to hosting the IMO in the UK in 2019."

The 57th IMO took place from 6 - 16 July 2016 in Hong Kong.

The UK will be hosting the International Mathematical Olympiad in 2019.

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Notes

1. The UK Mathematics Trust is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. It organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for UK secondary school pupils. Further information about the Trust and its activities is available at www.ukmt.org.uk. Information about selection and training for the IMO can be found at the British Mathematical Olympiad Subtrust website <https://bmos.ukmt.org.uk/>
2. The IMO is the world championship of mathematics for students in secondary education. It is a problem-solving contest for high school students, held in a different country in July every year. The first IMO was held in Romania in 1959, with seven countries taking part. Today, more than 100 countries participate, representing over 90% of the world's population. The IMO is the oldest, biggest, and most prestigious of all the international science Olympiads and the problems of the IMO are notoriously difficult. More details can be found at <http://www.imo-official.org/>