



Downsend School

Downsend School Maths Challenge Success at Regional Finals!

A Year 8 team of pupils from Downsend School, Leatherhead have won first place in a regional final for the UKMT Maths Team Challenge.

1400 schools competed in 56 regional finals to secure a place in the National Final in June. Downsend attended Lord Wansdworth College in Hampshire, for their regional final, which attracted 24 schools to this qualifying round. The team of four from Downsend School competed against pupils up to and including Year 9 from some of the region's strongest schools. The competition was comprised of four rounds; a group round, a cross-number round, a head to head game and a relay race! The team performed consistently well all day to achieve this outstanding first place position, which they narrowly missed last year. This success comes on the back of Year 5 & 6 pupils securing four places in the national finals of the U11 Primary Mathematics Challenge in February.



Jim Castle, Head of Maths at Downsend said, 'It is amazing to see how many questions and puzzles can be solved in such a short space of time. This is an especially pleasing result as all of our children are in Year 8. A huge well done to the team of Ed Boughton (13), Gabbi Cox (13), Alex Culhane (13) and Lottie Sudell (12).'