



ML/AB 26 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and Students

RE: 2021 UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge

The 2021 UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge is taking place on **Tuesday, February 2nd** and involves all students in Years 9-11. The Challenge encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems.

The competition lasts 1 hour, and it takes place online this year. Please note that the Challenge will be on the same date as the tutorial meetings and so to minimise disruption I propose that students start the challenge at 11am, unless they have their tutorial meeting between 11am and 12pm, in which case, they should start at 12pm instead. No lessons take place on this day. Details of how to log in will be shared directly with your son via MS Teams, nearer the time however the following should be noted by the student:

1. **Students should not attempt to login until a few minutes before their start time**, because the 60 minutes start counting down as soon as a successful login has been made. This cannot be reversed and will be emphasised again to students at the point when login details are distributed.
2. **Students are not permitted to use a calculator or squared paper**. Only plain and lined paper can be used to aid working out.
3. Students should work under test conditions for the duration of the paper but need not be directly supervised.
4. When the 60 minutes have elapsed, all submitted answers will be saved and sent to UKMT automatically.

Thank you for supporting your son's entry this year and I hope your son enjoys the challenge.

Yours faithfully,

Meera Lawrence
Head of Mathematics and Computing Faculty