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International Maths Olympiad Success! UK joint first in Western Europe

The UK came joint first in Western Europe at this year's International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO). All six members of the UK team won medals at the world's most prestigious mathematics competition.

The six students representing the UK were: James Aaronson (St Paul's School), Bronze medal. Sam Cappleman-Lynes (Shebbear College), Bronze medal. Andrew Carlotti (Sir Roger Manwood's School), Gold medal. Daniel Hu (City of London School), Bronze medal. Joshua Lam (The Leys School), Silver medal. Matei Mandache (Loughborough Grammar School), Bronze medal.

The team was accompanied by the Team Leader, Dr James Cranch (University of Sheffield) and the Deputy Team Leader, Jack Shotton (Imperial College, London).

The 53^{rd} IMO took place from $4^{th} - 16^{th}$ July in Mar del Plata, Argentina. The UK came joint 22^{nd} (with The Netherlands) out of 100 participating countries.

The UK team entry is organised by the UK Mathematics Trust. Rachel Greenhalgh, Director of the Trust, said "This is a fabulous achievement for the UK team. They have competed against the best mathematicians from across the world, by tackling six problems in two extremely demanding four-and-a-half-hour examinations. Not only have all UK students been awarded medals, but the team has also come joint first in Western Europe."

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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 <u>www.ukmt.org.uk</u>. Information about selection and training for the IMO can be found at the British Mathematical Olympiad Subtrust website <u>http://www.bmoc.maths.org/</u>.

2. Details about the IMO can be found at <u>http://www.imo-official.org/</u>.