



Havering Sixth Form College students take third place in prestigious East London Maths Challenge!

On 27th November, Maths teacher Damian Rogan took a team of four of the College's best Mathematicians, all from local schools, to compete in the East London Final of the Senior Team Maths Challenge at Queen Mary University of London. <http://www.fmnetwork.org.uk/stmchallenge.php>

The Challenge is a team competition for students in Years 11, 12 and 13 testing mathematical, communication and teamwork skills.

Thirty six teams took part, a significant number from independent and private schools.

Our team came third, winning bronze medals (beating many of those independent schools). The winner of this regional final was Westminster School with Henrietta Barnet School taking second place.

Our team consisted of:-



Sean Moss, 17 (ex Hall Mead School) Last year Sean achieved an amazing 4 A grades at AS as well as a grade A in A Level Spanish! Last year, aged just 16, he also scored very highly in the prestigious British Mathematical Olympiad and he is also competing in this again this year.



Chris Keeley, 17 (ex Abbs Cross School) Chris is an A2 student who is also studying Computing and Physics. Chris plans to go to Imperial College, London where he hopes to study Computer Science. As well as competing in the Maths Challenge, Chris is also competing in the British Informatics Olympiad (BIO) on December 5th. This is an annual competition in computer programming for secondary schools and sixth form colleges. The BIO tests students' ability to solve problems against the clock.



Chris Shipway, 17 (ex Emerson Park School) Chris is an AS student studying an impressive 5 AS Levels including Double Mathematics and Critical Thinking.



Kerry Lendon, 17 (ex Hall Mead School) Kerry is an AS student in his first year at Havering Sixth Form College.

Principal, Paul Wakeling, who presented the students with their certificates, said: "I am extremely proud that we have achieved third place in this prestigious and demanding competition. Many of the other schools and colleges were from the private and independent sectors so it is a real credit to the students and staff at the College to have achieved so highly. The students have proved themselves to be resilient and resourceful working as a team and taking on the challenge in addition to their A Level studies."

