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Dear Parent / Carer,

We would like to invite pupils to enter the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge again this year. This is run by the University of Leeds and is a highly thought of national competition. Scissett Middle School enters this competition each year and many of our pupils are awarded bronze, silver or gold certificates. The questions encourage thoughtful responses and should appeal to children who enjoy puzzles of a mathematical nature. The competition is a multiple-choice question paper which lasts for one hour and will take place during lesson time. Pupils will take the challenge on Wednesday 29th April 2026. A full set of results and certificates are usually returned within 4 weeks.

Year 8 pupils from Mr Cawkwell's Maths groups will automatically be entered for the challenge and will sit the paper in their usual Maths lesson; **we do not require payment or consent for these pupils**. We feel that these pupils will benefit from the questions, as it will help them with their problem-solving skills in class. We would however, like to continue to accept entries from other pupils in Year 6, 7 and 8; there will be a cost of £1.60 to cover the entry fee for these pupils.

If your child is in receipt of free school meals, the cost of the entry will be paid by school, but please email scissettoffice@themast.co.uk to give permission for your child to enter the competition, stating their name, class, the name of the competition (UKMT Junior Maths challenge) and your name. They will NOT be able to enter without this emailed consent.

The paper is challenging and as such it may not be suitable for your child. You may want to look at some past papers first and discuss it with them.

[Competition Papers - UKMT](#)

If your child would like to take part, please give consent and pay on ParentPay by Friday 20th March 2026.

Yours sincerely

N Robinson

Mrs N Robinson
Strategic Lead of Maths



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