

The Maths Quest

The 22nd - 24th March saw students from all over the world arriving at EIC to participate in the 11th annual ECIS Maths Quest.



Amongst the first to arrive were the two schools who had travelled the furthest, The Alice Smith School from Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, and St. Mary and All Angels from San Diego in California. The teams took part in competitions over three days and hopefully a good time was had by all.

Day one saw everyone participating in the Maths Trail, a sort of treasure hunt with mathematical chess. So if any of you saw about 80 children wearing our specially designed 'Maths Quest' polo shirts, around the Old Town or El Faro regions of Marbella, that is why.

On the subject of the polo shirt our thanks to Danny South in Year 13 who took on the design of the shirt as part of his A Level Art project and came up with a much admired design, thanks Danny I hope the A Level examiner liked it as much as I did!

Day Two and Three saw the students in competition here in school with individual and team rounds, as well as practical, investigation and construction rounds.

During their stay, the students were accommodated by host families from

the school and I would like to record my thanks to all of you who hosted. The feedback from the children and the visiting staff was fantastic.

Thanks also due to Mitzi Voase and her fellow sixth formers who organised the disco in the school on the Friday night. Hugely popular and again great feedback from the students. Thanks to Kate Jackson who gave up her Friday evening to supervise.

At the risk of this turning into an acceptance speech at the BAFTA



Awards there are however a couple of special thank yous I want to make. Without these people this somewhat large undertaking would never have happened.

Firstly, to Suzanne and Casey in the office. To Suzanne who set everything up so well initially that it was possible for Casey to jump in at the last minute and take over.

Lastly, but most of all, I would like to extend my undying gratitude to the 'Chair Pair' Mandy Abdulla and Corinna Black who worked their socks off, and were always there ready to deal with the next crisis. I cannot thank you enough ladies.

A great time was had by all the students and next year's competition is already being planned in Lusanne, Switzerland. Congratulations to our team in the competition, Thea Zabell, Sofia Zaleeva, Sage Flick-Reid and Lukas Noritzsch, and to our non-competitive team of Marina Illum Kjaer, Christian Laliberte, Daniel Porter and Monica Boyajiev, who all did very well. Indeed our non-competitive team beat several of the other teams!

The trophy this year went to the International School of the Netherlands, we are determined to bring it back to Spain from Switzerland next year!

David Dunckley

