

## SEAMC 2005

The South East Asia Mathematics Competition (SEAMC) is being held in Thailand for the first time in its short six year history in February 2005. The competition will be hosted by Dulwich International College in the picturesque resort of Phuket.

### *So what is SEAMC?*

SEAMC is an annual international mathematics competition aimed at 14 and 15 year old students. Schools send in one or two teams of three students for a rigorous two days of mathematical challenges and some fun aspects of mathematics (yes maths can be fun!). There are two individual rounds, team rounds and social events. While there exists a healthy competitive spirit the emphasis is also on providing students with opportunities to build teams and friendships with peers from other schools.

The competition is non-profit making and any excess funds are passed on to the next host school.

### *Who can attend?*

There are no guidelines for who can attend. As the name suggests it is a South East Asian competition and many of the schools who attend are from Malaysia, Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand. This year invites have been sent Asia wide and we are hoping for schools from as far away as Nepal and Shanghai to attend.

### *What will be special about SEAMC 2005?*

Each year the host school can add something different to SEAMC. This year we will be using the beautiful natural environments of the school and Phuket to enhance our competition. There are planned beach trails, BBQs, outdoor maths relay challenges and more.

### *And the guest speaker?*

Each year there is a guest speaker for the grand buffet dinner. This year we have Johnny Ball attending. For those non-Brits Johnny was a children's TV presenter who became famous for hosting a number of maths based programmes. He has boundless energy and enthusiasm for the subject of maths and I am sure he will be a huge hit with staff and students alike this year.

More information on SEAMC including letters of invite can be found at my website.

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