

Oxford University Computing Challenge

Last week, Ryan S in Year 8 competed in the final of the Oxford University Computing Challenge. Just reaching this stage of the competition was incredible: over 60,000 entrants from around the world entered the competition in Ryan's age group, which covers Years 8 and 9. The top 10% of the country qualify for the next stage, meaning a total of 6659 children competed in the second round. From there, the field was whittled down to the top 20 in the country, with Ryan qualifying in joint first place!

In the final, Ryan placed 7th, which is incredible when you consider that he is competing against Year 9 pupils. This competition is easier to win in odd-numbered school years so, although he didn't finish number one in the country for a second successive year, I have no doubt that he will be crowned national champion this time next year!

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