

## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF 1985 IRISH NATIONAL MATHEMATICS CONTEST

The Seventh Irish National Mathematics Contest was held on Tuesday, February 26, 1985. A total of 1,630 pupils from 86 schools entered for the contest. Last year, 1,634 pupils from 84 schools competed.

Returns were received from 62 schools on behalf of 1,231 pupils who participated this year. A preliminary analysis of the results shows that the overall average mark was about 48. (It is our intention to publish the results of a more elaborate analysis of this year's contest and of the previous six contests at a later date.) Thirty-five participants scored 80 marks or better, a considerable improvement on last year's results when only 21 reached the same level. The names of the top eleven contestants are shown on the accompanying Roll of Honour.

This year's INMC winner is:

Stephen O'Brien,  
Gonzaga College,  
Ranelagh,  
Dublin 6.

Stephen scored 108 out of a possible 150, a highly commendable achievement.

Gonzaga College - which, incidentally, produced last year's winner as well - also returned the highest team score (the sum of the highest three scores by individual contestants), viz., 267. The winning team was composed of Stephen O'Brien, Gavin O'Sullivan and Malachy McAllister. Second place was taken by Belvedere College, Dublin 1, with a score of 267, and third by O'Connell School, Dublin 1, who scored 261.

A prize-giving ceremony will be arranged early in December to honour the top scorers. On that occasion Stephen O'Brien will be presented with an Award Pin on behalf of the Mathematical Association of America, whose examination materials for the American High School Mathematics Examination, have been used in all previous years' contests.

### ROLL OF HONOUR

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Score</u>
Stephen O'Brien	Gonzaga College, Ranelagh, Dublin 6	108
Garrett Brennan	Oatlands College, Mount Merrion, Blackrock, Co. Dublin	96
Liam C. O'Suilleabhain	Belvedere College, Gt Denmark Street, Dublin 1	95
James Farrelly	Franciscan College, Gormanstown, Co. Meath	92
Jeremy W. Bolton*	Academical Institution, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry	91
Hugh T. McManus	Belvedere College, Gt Denmark Street, Dublin 1	91
Paul O'Farrell	St Benildus College, Upper Kilmacud Road, Dundrum, Dublin 14	91
Alex T. Bradley	Clongowes Wood College, Naas, Co. Kildare	90
Colum Lawlor	C.B.S., The Green, Tralee, Co. Kerry	90
Yip W. Lee*	Coleraine Academical Institution, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry	90
Brian Salmon	O'Connell School, North Richmond Street, Dublin 1	90

\* Did not participate in the IIMC