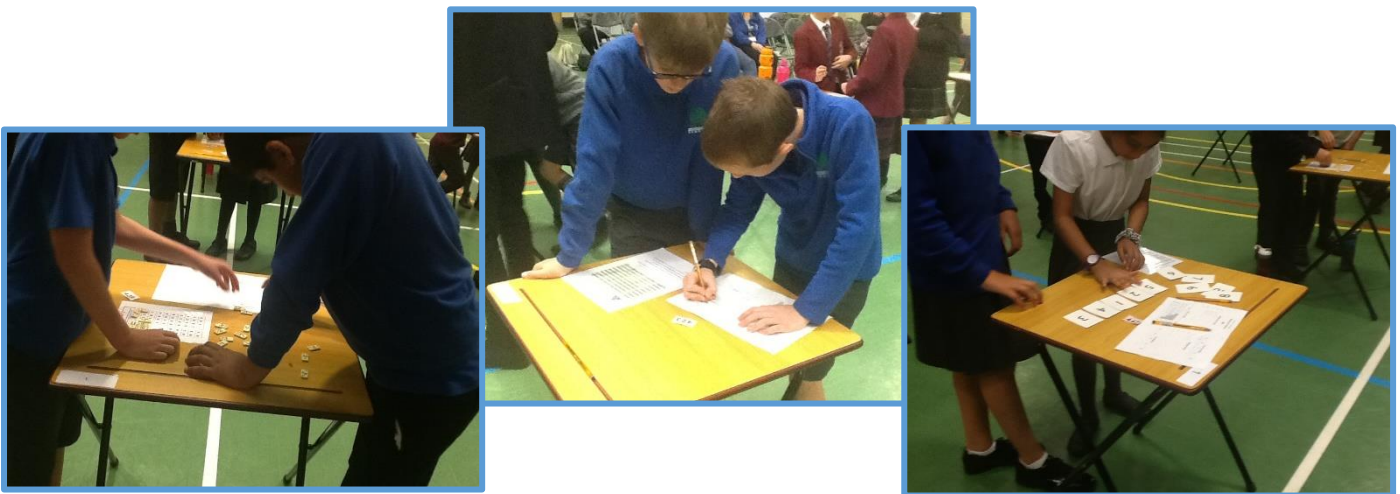


## Princethorpe College

### Year 5 Mathematics Challenge



On Monday morning this week, six year five pupils (accompanied by Mrs Clarke and Mrs. Pattenden) competed in a maths challenge held in the sports hall at Princethorpe College. The six worked in pairs and completed six maths challenges within an eight minute time limit. The challenges included, 'Catch the train' (reading and answering questions about a train timetable), 'Domino jigsaws' (arranging dominoes in certain combinations) and 'Curly's cycling circuit' (working out different route combinations).



The challenge finished with a mental maths challenge. All challenges involved a variety of problem solving skills, lateral thinking and working cooperatively together. We were very proud at how well the children embraced the challenges (particularly on a Monday morning!) and were rewarded with a 'Princethorpe cookie', certificate of participation and goody bag at the end. In addition, James and Owen came joint third (winning a school geometry set each) and our other pairs came 19<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> out of a total of 29 teams.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the challenges:

'It was an opportunity to expand and let out my maths brain because it was challenging and you were timed for each activity. Everybody was really kind and helpful, plus they never said it was wrong. They told me what was wrong without giving me the answer.' - Owen

'I really enjoyed the experience of taking part in an activity out of school.'- Annabella

'It was very fun and quite challenging - it got your brain thinking hard.' - James

Well done all! Year 10 pupils from Princethorpe ensured the smooth running of the challenge.

Thank you to Mrs Clarke and Mrs Pattenden for accompanying the children there.